

PSALM VI.

1 *David's complaint in his sickness.* 8 *By faith he triumpheth over his enemies.*

To the chief Musician on Neginoth ² upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

O ^a LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 ^b Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, ^c heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, ^d how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 ^e For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; ^f all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

7 ^g Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8 ^h Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath ⁱ heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM VII.

1 *David prayeth against the malice of his enemies, professing his innocency.* 10 *By faith he seeth his defence, and the destruction of his enemies.*

* Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, * concerning the ^a words of Cush the Benjamite.

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: ^a save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

2 ^b Lest he tear my soul like a lion, ^c rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* ^d none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, ^e if I have done this; if there be ^f iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, ^g I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, ^h lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and ⁱ awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.

7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.

8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, ^j according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: ^k for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

10 ^l My defence *is* of God, which saveth the ^m upright in heart.

11 ⁿ God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

12 If he turn not, he will ^o whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; ^p he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 ^q Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15 ^r He made a pit, and digged it, ^s and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.

16 ^t His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

¹ 1 Sam. 24. 7. & 26. 9.

⁸ Ps. 94. 2.

^h Ps. 44. 23.

¹ Ps. 18. 20. & 35. 24.

^k 1 Sam. 16. 7. 1 Chron. 28. 9. Ps. 139. 1. Jer. 11. 20. & 17. 10. & 20. 12. Rev. 2. 23.

² Heb. *My buckler is upon God.*

¹ Ps. 125. 4.

³ Or, *God is a righteous judge.*

^m Deut. 32. 41.

ⁿ Deut. 32. 23, 42. Ps. 64. 7.

^o Job 15. 35. Isai. 33. 11. & 59. 4. Jam. 1. 15.

⁴ Heb. *He hath digged a pit.*

^p Esth. 7. 10.

Job 4. 8. Ps. 9. 15. & 10. 2. & 35. 8. & 94. 23. & 141. 10. Prov. 5. 22. & 26. 27.

Eccles. 10. 8.

^q 1 Kin. 2. 32. Esth. 9. 25.

^a Or, upon the eighth: See 1 Chron. 15. 21.

^b Ps. 12. title.

^c Ps. 38. 1.

Jer. 10. 24. & 46. 28.

^d Ps. 41. 4.

^e Hos. 6. 1.

^d Ps. 90. 13.

^e Ps. 30. 9. & 88. 11. & 115. 17. & 118. 17. Isai. 38. 18.

^f Or, every night.

^g Job 17. 7. Ps. 31. 9. & 38. 10. & 88. 9. Lam. 5. 17.

^h Ps. 119. 115. Matt. 7. 23. & 25. 41.

Luke 13. 27.

ⁱ Ps. 3. 4.

* Hab. 3. 1.

* 2 Sam. 16. cir. 1062.

^a Or, business.

^a Ps. 31. 15.

^b Isai. 38. 13.

^c Ps. 50. 22.

^d Heb. *not a deliverer.*

^e 2 Sam. 16. 7, 8.

^f 1 Sam. 24. 11.

PSALM VIII.

God's glory is magnified by his works, and by his love to man.

To the chief Musician *upon Gittith,
A Psalm of David.

O LORD our Lord, how ^aexcellent is thy name in all the earth! who ^bhast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 ^cOut of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ²ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still ^dthe enemy and the avenger.

3 When I ^econsider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 ^fWhat is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 ^gThou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; ^hthou hast put all *things* under his feet:

7 ⁱAll sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 ^jO LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

PSALM IX.

1 David praiseth God for executing of judgment. 11 He inciteth others to praise him. 13 He prayeth that he may have cause to praise him.

To the chief Musician upon Muth-labben,
A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and ^arejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O ^bthou most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For ²thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging ³right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast ^cput out their name for ever and ever.

6 ^dO thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

7 ^eBut the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

8 And ^fhe shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 ^gThe LORD also will be ^ha refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that ⁱknow thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: ^jdeclare among the people his doings.

12 ^kWhen he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the ^lhumble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will ^mrejoice in thy salvation.

15 ⁿThe heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is ^oknown *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. ^pHiggaion. Selah.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations ^qthat forget God.

18 ^rFor the needy shall not always be forgotten: ^sthe expectation

^a Heb. *thou hast made my judgment.*

^b Heb. *in righteousness.*

^c Deut. 9. 14. Prov. 10. 7.

^d Or, *The destructions of the enemy are come to a perpetual end: and their cities hast thou destroyed, &c.*

^e Ps. 102. 12, 26. Hebr. 1. 11.

^f Ps. 96. 13. & 98. 9.

^g Ps. 32. 7. & 37. 39. & 46. 1. & 91. 2.

^h Heb. *an high place.*

ⁱ Ps. 91. 14.

^j Ps. 107. 22.

^k Gen. 9. 5.

^l Or, *afflicted.*

^m Ps. 13. 5. & 20. 5. & 35. 9.

ⁿ Ps. 7. 15, 16. & 35. 8. & 57. 6. & 94. 23. Prov. 5. 22. & 22. 8. & 26. 27.

^o Ex. 7. 5. & 14. 4, 10, 31.

^p That is, *Meditation.* Ps. 19. 14. & 92. 3.

^q Job 8. 13. Ps. 50. 22.

^r ver. 12. Ps. 12. 5.

^s Prov. 23. 18. & 24. 14.

* Ps. 84, title.

* Ps. 133. 3.

* Ps. 133. 4.

* See Matt. 11. 25. & 21. 16. 1 Cor. 1. 27.

* Heb. *founded.*

* Ps. 44. 19.

* Ps. 101. 2.

* Job 7. 17. Ps. 144. 3. Hebr. 2. 6.

* Gen. 1. 26, 28.

* 1 Cor. 15. 27. Hebr. 2. 8.

* Heb. *Flocks and even all of them.*

* ver. 1.

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* Ps. 5. 11.

* Ps. 56. 7. & 83. 18.

of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah.

PSALM X.

1 David complaineth to God of the outrage of the wicked. 12 He prayeth for remedy. 16 He professeth his confidence.

WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?

2 ^aThe wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: ^alet them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked ^bboasteth of his ^bheart's desire, and ^cblesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, ^dwill not seek *after* God: ^eGod *is* not in all his ^ethoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; ^fthy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, ^ghe puffeth at them.

6 ^hHe hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: ⁱfor *I shall* ⁱnever *be* in adversity.

7 ^kHis mouth is full of cursing and ^ldeceit and fraud: ^lunder his tongue *is* mischief ^mand ⁿvanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: ⁿin the secret places doth he murder the innocent: ^ohis eyes ^oare privily set against the poor.

9 ^pHe lieth in wait ^qsecretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 ^rHe croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall ^rby his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: ^she hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, ^tlift up thine hand: forget not the ^thumble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked condemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.

14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor ^ucommitteth himself unto thee; ^uthou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 ^vBreak thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.

16 ^wThe LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt ^xprepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To ^yjudge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more ^yoppress.

PSALM XI.

1 David encourageth himself in God against his enemies. 4 The providence and justice of God.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

IN the LORD put I my trust: ^bhow say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, ^cthe wicked bend *their* bow, ^dthey make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may ^eprivily shoot at the upright ^ein heart.

3 ^fIf the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4 ^gThe LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORD's ^gthrone *is* in heaven: ^hhis eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

5 The LORD ⁱtrieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 ^jUpon the wicked he shall rain ^jsnakes, fire and brimstone, and ^kan horrible tempest: ^kthis *shall be* the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD ^mloveth righteousness; ^mhis countenance doth behold the upright.

^r Mic. 5. 9.

^s Or, *afflicted*.

^t Heb. *leaveth*.

^u 2 Tim. 1. 12.

^v 1 Pet. 4. 19.

^w Ps. 68. 5.

^x Hos. 14. 3.

^y Ps. 37. 17.

^z Ps. 29. 10. &

145. 13. &

146. 10.

^a Jer. 10. 10.

^b Lam. 5. 19.

^c Dan. 4. 34. &

6. 26.

^d 1 Tim. 1. 17.

^e Or, *establish*.

^f 1 Chron. 29.

18.

^g Ps. 82. 3.

^h Isai. 11. 4.

ⁱ Or, *terrify*.

cir. 1060.

^j Ps. 56. 11.

^k See 1 Sam. 26.

19, 20.

^l Ps. 64. 3, 4.

^m Ps. 21. 12.

ⁿ Heb. *in*

darkness.

^o Ps. 82. 5.

^p Hab. 2. 20.

^q Ps. 2. 4.

^r Isai. 66. 1.

^s Matt. 5. 34.

& 23. 22.

^t Acts 7. 49.

^u Rev. 4. 2.

^v Ps. 33. 13.

& 34. 15, 16.

& 66. 7.

^w Gen. 22. 1.

^x Jam. 1. 12.

^y Gen. 19. 24.

^z Ezek. 38. 22.

^a Or, *quick*

burning coals.

^b Or, *a burning*

tempest.

^c See Gen. 43.

34. 1 Sam.

1. 4. & 9. 23.

^d Ps. 75. 8.

^e Ps. 45. 7. &

146. 8.

^f Job 36. 7.

^g Ps. 33. 18. &

34. 15.

^h 1 Pet. 3. 12.

^a Heb. *In the*
pride of the
wicked he
doth perse-
cute.

^b Ps. 7. 16. &
9. 15, 16.
Prov. 5. 22.

^c Ps. 94. 4.

^d Heb. *soul's*.

^e Prov. 28. 4.

^f Rom. 1. 32.

^g Or, *the covet-*

ous blesseth

himself, he

abhorreth

the LORD.

^h Ps. 14. 2.

ⁱ Or, *all his*

thoughts are,

There is no

God.

^j Ps. 14. 1. &

53. 1.

^k Prov. 24. 7.

^l Isai. 26. 11.

^m Ps. 12. 5.

ⁿ Ps. 30. 6.

^o Eccles. 8. 11.

^p Isai. 56. 12.

^q Rev. 18. 7.

^r Heb. *unto ge-*

neration and

generation.

^s Rom. 3. 14.

^t Heb. *deceits*.

^u Job 20. 12.

^v Ps. 12. 2.

^w Or, *iniquity*.

^x Hab. 3. 14.

^y Ps. 17. 11.

^z Heb. *hide*

themselves.

^a Ps. 17. 12.

^b Mic. 7. 2.

^c Heb. *in the*

secret places.

^d Heb. *He*

breaketh

himself.

^e Or, *into his*

strong parts.

^f Job 22. 13.

^g Ps. 73. 11. &

94. 7. Ezek.

8. 12. & 9. 9.

PSALM XII.

1 *David, destitute of human comfort, craveth help of God.* 3 *He comforteth himself with God's judgments on the wicked, and confidence in God's tried promises.*

To the chief Musician ^a upon Sheminith,

A Psalm of David.

³ **H**ELP, LORD; for ^a the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 ^b They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: ^c with flattering lips and with ^d a double heart do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh ^d proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips ^e are our own: who *is* lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, ^e now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety from *him* that ^f puffeth at him.

6 The words of the LORD *are* ^g pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve ^h them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when ⁱ the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM XIII.

1 *David complaineth of delay in help.* 3 *He prayeth for preventing grace.* 5 *He boasteth of divine mercy.*

To the ^a chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? ^a how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: ^b lighten mine eyes, ^c lest I sleep the *sleep* of death;

4 ^d Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have ^e trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath ^f dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM XIV.

1 *David describeth the corruption of a natural man.* 4 *He convinceth the wicked by the light of their conscience.* 7 *He glorieth in the salvation of God.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

THE ^a fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. ^b They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good.

2 ^c The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.

3 ^d They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become ^e filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who ^f eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and ^g call not upon the LORD.

5 There ^h were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his ⁱ refuge.

7 ^j Oh that the salvation of Israel *were* come out of Zion! ^k When the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

PSALM XV.

David describeth a citizen of Zion.

A Psalm of David.

LORD, ^a who shall ^b abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in ^c thy holy hill?

2 ^d He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and ^e speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 ^f He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his

^a Ps. 33. 21.

^f Ps. 116. 7. & 119. 17.

^a Ps. 10. 4. & 53. 1, &c.

^b Gen. 6. 11, 12. Rom. 3. 10, &c.

^c Ps. 33. 13. & 102. 19.

^d Rom. 3. 10, 11, 12.

^e Heb. *stinking*.

^f Jer. 10. 25. Amos 8. 4. Mic. 3. 3.

^g Ps. 79. 6. Isai. 64. 7.

^h Job. *they feared a fear*, Ps. 53. 5.

ⁱ Ps. 9. 9. & 142. 5.

^j Heb. *Who will give*, &c. See Rom. 11. 26.

^k Ps. 53. 6.

^l Job 42. 10. Ps. 126. 1.

^a Ps. 24. 3, &c. ^b Heb. *sojourn*.

^c Ps. 2. 6. & 3. 4.

^d Isai. 33. 15.

^e Zech. 8. 16. Eph. 4. 25.

^f Lev. 19. 16. Ps. 34. 13.

^a Or, upon the *clouds*.

^b Ps. 1. title.

^c Or, *face*.

^d Isai. 57. 1.

^e Mic. 7. 2.

^f Ps. 10. 7.

^g Ps. 28. 3. & 62. 4.

^h Jer. 9. 8.

ⁱ Rom. 16. 18.

^j Heb. *an heart and an heart*, 1 Chron. 12. 33.

^k 1 Sam. 2. 3.

^l Ps. 17. 16.

^m Dan. 7. 8, 25.

ⁿ Heb. *great things*.

^o Heb. *are with us*.

^p Ex. 3. 7, 8. Isai. 33. 10.

^q Or, *would ensnare him*.

^r Ps. 19. 5.

^s 2 Sam. 22. 31.

^t Ps. 14. 30.

^u & 19. 8. & 119. 140.

^v Prov. 30. 5.

^w Heb. *him: that is, every one of them*.

^x Heb. *the vilest of the sons of men are exalted*.

^a Or, *overseer*.

^b Deut. 31. 17.

^c Job 13. 24.

^d Ps. 44. 24.

^e & 68. 14. & 89. 46.

^f Isai. 59. 2.

^g Ps. 9. 5.

^h Jer. 11. 39.

ⁱ Ps. 95. 2.

^j & 35. 19. & 38. 16.

^f Ex. 23. 1.
^g Or, *receiveth*,
 or, *endureth*.
^h Esth. 3. 2.

^h Judg. 11. 35.

ⁱ Ex. 22. 25.
 Lev. 25. 36.
 Deut. 23. 19.
 Ezek. 18. 8.
 & 22. 12.
^k Ex. 23. 8.
 Deut. 16. 19.
^l Ps. 16. 8.
 2 Pet. 1. 10.

^m Or, *A golden*
Psalm of
David.

ⁿ So Ps. 56, &
 57, & 58, &
 59, & 60.
^o Ps. 25. 20.
^p Job 22. 2, 3.
 & 35. 7, 8.
 Ps. 50. 9.
 Rom. 11. 35.

^q Or, *give gifts*
to another.

^r Ex. 23. 13.
 Josh. 23. 7.
 Hos. 2. 16, 17.
^s Deut. 32. 9.
 Ps. 73. 26.
 & 119. 57.
 & 142. 5.
 Jer. 10. 16.
 Lam. 3. 24.
^t Heb. *of my*
part.
^u Ps. 11. 6.

^v Ps. 17. 3.
^w Acts 2. 25, &c.
^x Ps. 73. 23.
 & 110. 5. &
 121. 5.

^y Ps. 15. 5.
^z Ps. 30. 12.
 & 57. 8.

^{aa} Heb. *dwell*
confidently.
^{ab} Ps. 49. 15.
 Acts 2. 27, 31.
 & 13. 35.

^{ac} Lev. 19. 28.
 Num. 6. 6.
^{ad} Matt. 7. 14.

^{ae} Ps. 17. 15.
 & 21. 6.
 Matt. 5. 8.
 1 Cor. 13. 12.
 1 John 3. 2.
^{af} Ps. 36. 8.

neighbour, ^fnor ^gtaketh up a re-
 proach against his neighbour.

4 ^hIn whose eyes a vile person is
 contemned; but he honoureth them
 that fear the LORD. *He that* ^hswear-
 eth to *his own hurt*, and changeth
 not.

5 ⁱ*He that* putteth not out his
 money to usury, ^knor taketh re-
 ward against the innocent. He
 that doeth these *things* ^lshall never
 be moved.

PSALM XVI.

1 *David, in distrust of merits, and hatred of*
idolatry, fleeth to God for preservation. 5
He sheweth the hope of his calling, of the
resurrection, and life everlasting.

^m * Michtam of David.

PRESERVE me, O God: ⁿfor in
 thee do I put my trust.

2 *O my soul*, thou hast said unto
 the LORD, Thou art my Lord: ^omy
 goodness *extendeth* not to thee;

3 *But* to the saints that *are* in
 the earth, and to the excellent, in
 whom *is* all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multi-
 plied *that* ^phasten *after* another
god: their drink offerings of blood
 will I not offer, ^qnor take up their
 names into my lips.

5 ^rThe LORD *is* the portion ^sof
 mine inheritance and ^tof my cup:
 thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in
 pleasant *places*; yea, I have a good-
 ly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath
 given me counsel: ^umy reins also
 instruct me in the night seasons.

8 ^vI have set the LORD always
 before me: because ^w*he is* at my
 right hand, ^xI shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, ^yand
 my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also
 shall ^zrest in hope.

10 ^{aa}For thou wilt not leave ^{ab}my
 soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer
 thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the ^{ac}path of
 life: ^{ad}in thy presence *is* fulness of
 joy; ^{ae}at thy right hand *there are*
 pleasures for evermore.

PSALM XVII.

1 *David, in confidence of his integrity, craveth*
defence of God against his enemies. 10 *He*
sheweth their pride, craft, and eagerness.
 13 *He prayeth against them in confidence of*
his hope.

A Prayer of David.

HEAR ^athe right, O LORD, at-
 tend unto my cry, give ear
 unto my prayer, *that goeth* ^bnot out
 of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from
 thy presence; let thine eyes behold
 the things that are equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart;
^cthou hast visited *me* in the night;
^dthou hast tried me, *and* shalt find
 nothing; I am purposed *that* my
 mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men,
 by the word of thy lips I have kept
me from the paths of the destroyer.

5 ^eHold up my goings in thy
 paths, *that* my footsteps ^fslip not.

6 ^gI have called upon thee, for
 thou wilt hear me, O God: incline
 thine ear unto me, *and* hear my
 speech.

7 ^hShew thy marvellous loving-
 kindness, O thou ⁱthat savest by
 thy right hand them which put
 their trust *in thee* from those that
 rise up *against them*.

8 ^jKeep me as the apple of the
 eye, ^khide me under the shadow
 of thy wings,

9 From the wicked ^lthat oppress
 me, *from* ^mmy deadly enemies, *who*
 compass me about.

10 ⁿThey are inclosed in their own
 fat: with their mouth they ^ospeak
 proudly.

11 They have now ^pcompassed us
 in our steps: ^qthey have set their
 eyes bowing down to the earth;

12 ^rLike as a lion *that* is greedy
 of his prey, and as it were a young
 lion ^slurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD, ^tdisappoint
 him, cast him down: deliver my
 soul from the wicked, ^u*which is*
 thy sword:

14 ^vFrom men *which are* thy hand,
 O LORD, from men of the world,

^a Heb. *justice*

^b Heb. *without*
lips of deceit

^c Ps. 16. 7.

^d Job 23. 10.

Ps. 26. 7.

& 66. 10. &

139. 2.

Zech. 13. 9.

Mal. 3. 2.

1 Pet. 1. 7.

^e Ps. 119. 133.

^f Heb. *be not*

moved.

^g Ps. 116. 2.

^h Ps. 31. 21.

ⁱ Or, *that*

savest them

which trust

in thee from

those that

rise up

against thee

right hand.

^j Deut. 32. 11.

Zech. 2. 8.

^k Ruth. 2. 12.

Ps. 37. 7. &

57. 1. & 61. 1.

& 63. 7. &

91. 1. 4.

Matt. 23. 37.

^l Heb. *that*

wast me.

^m Heb. *my ene-*

mi against

the soul.

ⁿ Deut. 32. 15.

Job 13. 27.

Ps. 73. 7. &

119. 70.

^o 1 Sam. 2. 3.

Ps. 71. 18.

^p 1 Sam. 23. 26.

^q Ps. 10. 8. 9.

10.

^r Heb. *The*

likeness of

him (that is,

of every one

of mankind

as a lion

that doeth

to ruin.

^s Heb. *setting*

^t Heb. *present*

his face

^u Isai. 10. 7.

^v Or, *by thy*

sword.

^w Or, *From*

men by their

hand.

^a Ps. 73. 12.
Luke 16. 25.
Jam. 5. 5.
^b Or, their
children are
full.

^c 1 John 3. 2.
^d Ps. 4. 6, 7. &
16. 11. & 65. 4.

* Ps. 36, title.
* 2 Sam. 22.

^a Ps. 144. 1.

^b Heb. *my rock*.
^c Hebr. 2. 13.

^c Ps. 76. 4.

^d Ps. 116. 3.
^e Heb. *Belial*.

^f Or, *cords*.

^g Acts 4. 31.

^h Heb. *by his*.

ⁱ Ps. 144. 5.

^j Ps. 99. 1.
^k Ps. 104. 3.

ⁿ *which* have their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*: ² they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

15 As for me, ^o I will behold thy face in righteousness: ^p I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

PSALM XVIII.

David praiseth God for his manifold and marvellous blessings.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, ^{*} the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of ^{*} this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

I ^a WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, ³ my strength, ^b in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

3 I will call upon the LORD, ^c *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 ^d The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ^e ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The ^f sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

7 ^g Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke ^h out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9 ⁱ He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.

10 ^j And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, ^k he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place; ^l his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.

12 ^k At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.

13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave ^l his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.

14 ^m Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

15 ⁿ Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 ^o He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of ² many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

19 ^p He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20 ^q The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright ³ before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 ^r Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands ⁴ in his eyesight.

25 ^s With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

¹ Ps. 97. 2.

² Ps. 97. 3.

³ Ps. 29. 3.

⁴ Josh. 10. 10.
Ps. 144. 6.
Isai. 30. 30.

⁵ Ex. 15. 8.
Ps. 106. 9.

⁶ Ps. 144. 7.

⁷ Or, *great waters*.

⁸ Ps. 31. 8. &
118. 5.

⁹ 1 Sam. 24. 19.

¹⁰ Heb. *with*.

¹¹ 1 Sam. 26. 23.

¹² Heb. *before his eyes*.

¹³ 1 Kin. 8. 32.

^t Lev. 26. 23,
24, 27, 28.
Prov. 3. 34.

^s Or, *wrestle*.

^u Ps. 101. 5.
Prov. 6. 17.

^x Job 18. 6.
^s Or, *lamp*,
Job 29. 3.

⁴ Or, *broken*.

⁷ Deut. 32. 4.
Dan. 4. 37.
Rev. 15. 3.

^s Ps. 12. 6. &
119. 140.
Prov. 30. 5.

^s Or, *refined*.

^s Ps. 17. 7.
^b Deut. 32. 31,
39.

¹ Sam. 2. 2.
Ps. 86. 8.
Isai. 45. 5.

^s Ps. 91. 2.
^d 2 Sam. 2. 18.

^s Heb. 3. 19.
^o Deut. 32. 13.
& 33. 29.

^t Ps. 144. 1.

^s Or, *with thy
meekness
thou hast
multiplied
me*.

^s Prov. 4. 12.

⁷ Heb. *mine
anles*.

^s Heb. *caused
to bow*.

^b Job 27. 9. &
35. 12.

Prov. 1. 28.
Isai. 1. 15.
Jer. 11. 11.
& 14. 12.
Ezek. 8. 18.
Mic. 3. 4.
Zech. 7. 13.

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and ^twith the froward thou wilt ^sshew thyself froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down ^uhigh looks.

28 ^xFor thou wilt light my ³candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I have ⁴run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 *As for* God, ^yhis way *is* perfect: ^zthe word of the LORD is ⁵tried: he *is* a buckler ^ato all those that trust in him.

31 ^bFor who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?

32 *It is* God that ^ogirdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

33 ^dHe maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and ^esetteth me upon my high places.

34 ^fHe teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and ^gthy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, ^hthat ⁷my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast ^ssubdued under me those that rose up against me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

41 They cried, but *there was* none to save *them*: ^heven unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did

ⁱcast them out as the dirt in the streets.

43 ^kThou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; *and* ^lthou hast made me the head of the heathen: ^ma people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.

44 ²As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: ³the strangers ⁿshall ⁴⁵submit themselves unto me.

45 ^oThe strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

46 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 *It is* God that ^oavengeth me, ^pand ⁷subdueth the people under me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, ^qthou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the ^rviolent man.

49 ^rTherefore will I ⁹give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

50 ^sGreat deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed ^tfor evermore.

PSALM XIX.

1 *The creatures shew God's glory.* 7 *The word his grace.* 12 *David prayeth for grace.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

THE ^aheavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 *There is* no speech nor language, ²³*where* their voice is not heard.

4 ^{b4}Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, ^oand rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth *is* from the end

¹ Zech. 10. 5.

^k 2 Sam. 10. & 3.

^l 2 Sam. 8.

^m Isai. 52. 15. & 55. 5.

^s Heb. *At the hearing of the ear.*

^s Heb. *the sons of the stranger.*

ⁿ Deut. 33. 29. Ps. 68. 3. & 81. 15.

⁴ Or, *yield feigned obedience.*

^s Heb. *lie.*

^o Mic. 7. 17.

^s Heb. *giveth avengements for me.*

^p Ps. 47. 3.

^r Or, *destroyeth.*

^q Ps. 59. 1.

^s Heb. *man of violence.*

^r Rom. 15. 9.

⁹ Or, *compass.*

^s Ps. 144. 10.

^t 2 Sam. 7. 13.

^s Gen. 1. 1. Isai. 40. 22. Rom. 1. 19, 20.

^s Or, *without the voice is heard.*

^s Heb. *without their voice heard.*

^b Rom. 10. 18.

⁴ Or, *There run or direction.*

^o Eccles. 1. 5.

^d Ps. 111. 7.
^e Or, doctrine.
^f Or, restoring.

^g Ps. 12. 6.

^h Ps. 13. 3.

ⁱ Heb. truth.

^j Ps. 119. 72,
127. Prov. 8.
10, 11, 19.

^k Ps. 119. 103.

^l Heb. the
dropping of
honeycombs.

^m Prov. 29. 18.

ⁿ Ps. 40. 12.

^o Lev. 4. 2, &c.

^p Ps. 90. 8.

^q Gen. 20. 6.
1 Sam. 25. 32,
33, 34, 39.
^r Ps. 119. 133.
Rom. 6. 12, 14.

^s Or, much.

^t Ps. 51. 15.

^u Heb. my rock,
Ps. 18. 1.

^v Isai. 43. 14. &
44. 6. & 47. 4.
1 Thess. 1. 10.

^w Prov. 18. 10.

^x Heb. set thee
on an high
place.

^y Heb. thy
help.

^z 1 Kin. 6. 16.
2 Chron. 20. 8.
Ps. 73. 17.

^{aa} Heb. support
thee.

^{ab} Heb. turn to
ashes; or,
make fat.

^{ac} Ps. 21. 2.

^{ad} Ps. 9. 14.

^{ae} Ex. 17. 15.
Ps. 60. 4.

of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 ^d The ^e law of the LORD is perfect, ^f converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: ^g the commandment of the LORD is pure, ^h enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are ⁱ true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, ^j yea, than much fine gold: ^k sweeter also than honey and ^l the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and ^m in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 ⁿ Who can understand his errors? ^o cleanse thou me from ^p secret faults.

13 ^q Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; ^r let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from ^s the great transgression.

14 ^t Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, ^u my strength, and my ^v redeemer.

PSALM XX.

1 The church blesseth the king in his exploits.
⁷ Her confidence in God's succour.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; ^a the name of the God of Jacob ^b defend thee;

2 Send ^c thee help from ^d the sanctuary, and ^e strengthen thee out of Zion;

3 Remember all thy offerings, and ^f accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.

4 ^g Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will ^h rejoice in thy salvation, and ⁱ in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth ^j his anointed; he will hear him ^k from his holy heaven ^l with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 ^m Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: ⁿ but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM XXI.

1 A thanksgiving for victory. 7 Confidence of further success.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and ^a in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

2 ^b Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou ^c settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 ^d He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, ^e even length of days for ever and ever.

5 His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast ^f made him most blessed for ever: ^g thou hast ^h made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he ⁱ shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall ^j find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

9 ^k Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall ^l swallow them up in his wrath, ^m and the fire shall devour them.

10 ⁿ Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

^f Ps. 2. 2.

^g Heb. from the heaven of his holiness.

^h Heb. by the strength of the salvation of his right hand.

ⁱ Ps. 33. 16, 17.
Prov. 21. 31.
Isai. 31. 1.

^j 2 Chron. 32. 8.

^k Ps. 20. 5, 6.

^l Ps. 20. 4, 5.

^m 2 Sam. 12. 30.
1 Chron. 20. 2.

ⁿ Ps. 61. 5, 6.

^o 2 Sam. 7. 19.
Ps. 91. 16.

^p Heb. set him to be blessings,
Gen. 12. 2.
Ps. 72. 17.

^q Ps. 16. 11. &
45. 7.
Acts 2. 28.

^r Heb. gladdened him with joy.
^s Ps. 16. 8.

^t 1 Sam. 31. 3.

^u Mal. 4. 1.

^v Ps. 56. 1, 2.

^w Ps. 18. 8.
Isai. 26. 11.

^x 1 Kin. 13. 34.
Job 18. 16,
17, 19.
Ps. 37. 28. &
109. 13.
Isai. 14. 20.

^a Ps. 2. 1.^a Or, thou shalt set them as a butt: See Job 7. 20. & 16. 12. Lam. 3. 12.^a Heb. shoulder.^a Or, the hind of the morning.^a Matt. 27. 46. Mark 15. 34.^a Heb. from my salvation.^a Hebr. 5. 7.^a Heb. there is no silence to me.^a Deut. 10. 21.^a Ps. 25. 2, 3. & 31. 1. & 71. 1. Isai. 49. 23. Rom. 9. 33. Job 25. 6. Isai. 41. 14. Isai. 53. 3.^a Matt. 27. 39. Mark 15. 29. Luke 23. 35.^a Heb. open.^a Job 16. 4. Ps. 109. 25.^a Matt. 27. 43.^a Heb. He rolled himself on the LORD.^a Ps. 91. 14.^a Or, if he delight in him.^a Ps. 71. 6.^a Or, keptest me in safety.^a Isai. 46. 3. & 49. 1.^a Heb. not a helper.^a Deut. 32. 14. Ps. 28. 20. Ezek. 39. 18. Amos 4. 1.

11 For ^athey intended evil against thee: they ^aimagined a mischievous device, *which* they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore ^ashalt thou make them turn their ^aback, *when* thou shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and praise thy power.

PSALM XXII.

1 David complaineth in great discouragement. 9 He prayeth in great distress. 23 He praiseth God.

To the chief Musician upon 'Aijeeth Shahar,
A Psalm of David.

MY ^aGod, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so far* ^afrom helping me, *and from* ^bthe words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and ^aam not silent.

3 But thou *art* holy, O thou that inhabitest the ^apraises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: ^athey trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But I *am* ^aa worm, and no man; ^aa reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7 ^aAll they that see me laugh me to scorn: they ^ashoot out the lip, ^bthey shake the head, *saying*,

8 ^aHe trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: ^alet him deliver him, ^aseeing he delighted in him.

9 ^aBut thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou ^adidst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: ^athou *art* my God from my mother's belly.

11 Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* ^anone to help.

12 ^aMany bulls have compassed me: **strong bulls** of Bashan have beset me round.

13 ^aThey ^agaped upon me *with* their mouths, *as* a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, ^aand all my bones are ^aout of joint: ^amy heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 ^aMy strength is dried up like a potsherd; and ^amy tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For ^adogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: ^athey pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: ^athey look *and* stare upon me.

18 ^aThey part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But ^abe not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword; ^amy darling ^afrom the power of the ^bdog.

21 ^aSave me from the lion's mouth: ^afor thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 ^aI will declare thy name unto ^amy brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 ^aYe that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but ^awhen he cried unto him, he heard.

25 ^aMy praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation: ^aI will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 ^aThe meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart ^ashall live for ever.

27 ^aAll the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: ^aand all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 ^aFor the kingdom *is* the LORD's: and he *is* the governor among the nations.

^a Job 16. 19. Ps. 35. 17. Lam. 3. 16. & 3. 46.^a Heb. opened their mouths against me.^a Dan. 5. 6.^a Or, sundered.^a Josh. 7. 5.^a Job 23. 16.^a Prov. 17. 22.^a Job 21. 10.^a Lam. 4. 4.^a John 19. 20.^a Rev. 22. 15.^a Matt. 27. 35.^a Mark 15. 24.^a Luke 23. 33.^a John 19. 23.^a 37. & 20. 25.^a Luke 23. 27.^a 35.^a Luke 23. 34.^a John 19. 23.^a 24.^a ver. 11.^a Ps. 10. 1.^a Ps. 35. 17.^a Heb. my only one.^a Heb. from the hand.^a ver. 16.^a 2 Tim. 4. 17.^a Isai. 34. 7.^a Acts 4. 27.^a Ps. 40. 9.^a Hebr. 2. 12.^a John 20. 17.^a Rom. 8. 29.^a Ps. 135. 19, 20.^a Hebr. 5. 7.^a Ps. 27. 18. &^a 40. 9, 10. &^a 111. 1.^a Ps. 56. 13. &^a 116. 13.^a Eccles. 5. 4.^a Lev. 7. 11, 12.^a 15. 10.^a Ps. 69. 32.^a Isai. 65. 13.^a John 6. 51.^a Ps. 2. 8. &^a 72. 1. & 86. 9.^a & 98. 3.^a Isai. 49. 6.^a Ps. 96. 7.^a Ps. 47. 8.^a Obad. 21.^a Zach. 14. 9.^a Matt. 6. 13.

^a Ps. 45. 12.^r Isai. 26. 19.
Phil. 2. 10.^a Ps. 87. 6.^t Ps. 78. 6.
& 86. 9. &
102. 18.
Isai. 60. 3.
See Rom. 3.
21, 22.^a Isai. 40. 11.
Jer. 23. 4.
Ezek. 34. 11,
12, 23.
John 10. 11.
1 Pet. 2. 25.
Rev. 7. 17.^b Phil. 4. 19.^c Ezek. 34. 14.^d Heb. *pastures
of tender
grass.*^d Rev. 7. 17.
^e Heb. *waters
of quietness.*^e Ps. 5. 8. &
31. 3.
Prov. 8. 20.^f Job 3. 5. &
10. 21, 22. &
24. 17.^g Ps. 44. 19.^g Ps. 3. 6. &
27. 1. & 118. 6.^h Isai. 43. 2.ⁱ Ps. 104. 15.^j Heb. *makest
fat.*^k Ps. 92. 10.^l Heb. *to length
of days.*

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^a Ex. 9. 29. &
19. 5.Dout. 10. 14.
Job 41. 11.Ps. 50. 12.
1 Cor. 10. 26,
28.^b Gen. 1. 9.
Job 38. 6.Ps. 104. 5. &
136. 6.

2 Pet. 3. 5.

^c Ps. 15. 1.^d Isai. 33. 15, 16.^e Heb. *The
clean of
hands.*^f Job 17. 9.

1 Tim. 2. 5.

29 ^a All *they that be fat upon earth* shall eat and worship: ^r all *they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.*

30 A seed shall serve him; ^a it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

31 ^t They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *this*.

PSALM XXIII.

David's confidence in God's grace.

A Psalm of David.

THE LORD *is* ^a my shepherd; ^b I shall not want.

2 ^c He maketh me to lie down in ² green pastures: ^d he leadeth me beside the ³ still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: ^e he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of ^f the shadow of death, ^g I will fear no evil: ^h for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 ⁱ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou ^k anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD ⁵ for ever.

PSALM XXIV.

1 *God's lordship in the world.* 3 *The citizens of his spiritual kingdom.* 7 *An exhortation to receive him.*

A Psalm of David.

THE ^a earth *is* the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 ^b For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 ^c Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 ^d He that hath ^e clean hands,

and ^f a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor ^g sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that ^h seek thy face, ² O Jacob. Selah.

7 ⁱ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift ^j up, ye everlasting doors; ^k and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

PSALM XXV.

1 *David's confidence in prayer.* 7 *He prayeth for remission of sins, 16 and for help in affliction.*

A Psalm of David.

UNTO ^a thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, I ^b trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, ^c let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

4 ^d Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O LORD, ^e thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old.

7 Remember not ^f the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: ^g according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

8 Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

^r Matt. 5. 8.^g Ps. 15. 4.^h Ps. 27. 8. &
105. 4.ⁱ Or, O God
of Jacob.
^j Isai. 26. 2.^k Ps. 97. 6.
Hag. 2. 7.
Mal. 3. 1.
1 Cor. 2. 8.^a Ps. 86. 4. &
143. 8.
Lam. 3. 41.^b Ps. 22. 5. &
31. 1. & 34. 8.
Isai. 28. 16.^c & 49. 23.
Rom. 10. 11.^d Ps. 13. 4.^d Ex. 33. 13.
Ps. 5. 8. & 27.
11. & 86. 11.
& 119. & 143.
8, 10.^e Ps. 103. 17.
& 106. 1. &
107. 1.
Isai. 63. 15.
Jer. 33. 11.^f Heb. *thy
bowels.*^g Job 13. 26.
& 20. 11.

Jer. 3. 25.

^h Ps. 51. 1.

9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 ^hFor thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; ⁱfor it is great.

12 What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? ^khim shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose.

13 ^lHis soul ²shall dwell at ease; and ^mhis seed shall inherit the earth.

14 ⁿThe secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; ³and he will shew them his covenant.

15 ^oMine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for he shall ⁴pluck my feet out of the net.

16 ^pTurn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 ^qLook upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with ⁵cruel hatred.

20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: ^rlet me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

22 ^sRedeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM XXVI.

David resorteth unto God in confidence of his integrity.

A Psalm of David.

JUDGE ^ame, O LORD; for I have ^bwalked in mine integrity: ^cI have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide.

2 ^dExamine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

3 For thy lovingkindness *is* before mine eyes: and ^eI have walked in thy truth.

4 ^fI have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5 I have ^ghated the congregation of evil doers; ^hand will not sit with the wicked.

6 ⁱI will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 LORD, ^kI have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place ²where thine honour dwelleth.

9 ^{3l}Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with ⁴bloody men:

10 In whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is ⁵full of ^mbribes.

11 But as for me, I will ⁿwalk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12 ^oMy foot standeth in an ^peven place: ^qin the congregations will I bless the LORD.

PSALM XXVII.

1 David sustaineth his faith by the power of God, 4 by his love to the service of God, 9 by prayer.

A Psalm of David.

THE LORD *is* ^amy light and ^bmy salvation; whom shall I fear? ^cthe LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, ^ecame upon me to ^deat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 ^eThough an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I be confident.

4 ^fOne *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may ^gdwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold ^{7h}the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

5 For ⁱin the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall ^kset me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall ^lmine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in

^g Ps. 31. 6. & 139. 21, 22.
^h Ps. 1. 1.

ⁱ See Ex. 30. 19, 20.
Ps. 73. 13.
1 Tim. 2. 8.

^k Ps. 27. 4.
² Heb. *of the tabernacle of thy honour.*
³ Or, *Take not away.*

^l See 1 Sam. 25. 29.
Ps. 28. 3.

⁴ Heb. *men of blood.*

⁵ Heb. *filled with.*

^m Ex. 23. 8.
Deut. 16. 19.
1 Sam. 8. 3.
Isai. 33. 15.

ⁿ ver. 1.
^o Ps. 40. 2.
^p Ps. 27. 11.
^q Ps. 22. 22. & 107. 32. & 111. 1.

^a Ps. 84. 11.
Isai. 60. 19, 20.
Mic. 7. 8.

^b Ex. 15. 2.
^c Ps. 62. 2, 6. & 118. 14, 21.
Isai. 12. 2.

^e Heb. *approached against me.*
^d Ps. 14. 4.

^e Ps. 3. 6.

^f Ps. 26. 8.

^g Ps. 65. 4.
Luku 2. 37.

⁷ Or, *the delight.*

^h Ps. 90. 17.
ⁱ Ps. 31. 20. & 83. 3. & 91. 1.
Isai. 4. 6.

^k Ps. 40. 2.

^l Ps. 3. 3.

^h Ps. 31. 3. & 79. 9. & 109. 21. & 143. 11.

ⁱ See Rom. 5. 20.

^k Ps. 37. 23.

^l Prov. 19. 23.

² Heb. *shall lodge in goodness.*

^m Ps. 37. 11, 22, 29.

ⁿ Prov. 3. 32.
See John 7. 17. & 15. 15.

³ Or, *and his covenant to make them know it.*

⁴ Ps. 141. 8.

⁵ Heb. *bring forth.*

⁶ Ps. 69. 16. & 86. 16.

^q 2 Sam. 16. 12.

⁵ Heb. *hatred of violence.*

^r ver. 2.

^s Ps. 130. 8.

^a Ps. 7. 8.

^b ver. 11.
2 Kin. 20. 3.
Prov. 20. 7.

^c Ps. 28. 7. & 31. 14.

Prov. 29. 25.

^d Ps. 7. 9. & 17. 3. & 66. 10. & 139. 23.

Zech. 13. 9.
² Kin. 20. 3.

^f Ps. 1. 1.
Jer. 15. 17.

^a Heb. of shouting.

his tabernacle sacrifices ² of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 ³ *When thou saidst*, ^m Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

9 ⁿ Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 ^o When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD ⁴ will take me up.

11 ^p Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in ⁵ a plain path, because of ⁶ mine enemies.

12 ^q Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for ^r false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as ^s breathe out cruelty.

13 *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD ^t in the land of the living.

14 ^u Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM XXVIII.

1 *David prayeth earnestly against his enemies.*
6 *He blesseth God.* 9 *He prayeth for the people.*

A Psalm of David.

UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; ^a be not silent ⁷ to me: ^b lest, *if* thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, ^c when I lift up my hands ⁸ ^d toward thy holy oracle.

3 ^e Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, ^f which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief *is* in their hearts.

4 ^g Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them

after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

5 Because ^h they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6 Blessed *be* the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The LORD *is* ⁱ my strength and my shield; my heart ^k trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

8 The LORD *is* ² their strength, and he *is* the ³ ¹ saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless ^m thine inheritance: ⁴ feed them also, ⁿ and lift them up for ever.

PSALM XXIX.

1 *David exhorteth princes to give glory to God,*
3 *by reason of his power,* 11 *and protection of his people.*

A Psalm of David.

^a GIVE unto the LORD, O ⁵ ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD ⁶ the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD ⁷ in ^b the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: ^c the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon ⁸ many waters.

4 The voice of the LORD *is* ⁹ powerful; the voice of the LORD *is* ² full of majesty.

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh ^d the cedars of Lebanon.

6 ^e He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and ^f Sirion like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD ³ divideth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of ⁵ Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh ^h the hinds ⁴ to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple ⁵ doth every one speak of *his* glory.

^h Job 34. 27.
Isai. 5. 12.

¹ Ps. 18. 2.

^k Ps. 13. 5. & 22. 4.

² Or, *his strength.*
³ Heb. *strength of salvations.*

¹ Ps. 20. 6.

^m Deut. 9. 29.
1 Kin. 8. 51, 53.

⁴ Or, *rule,*
Ps. 78. 71.

ⁿ Ezra 1. 4.

^a 1 Chron. 16. 28, 29.
Ps. 96. 7, 8, 9.

^b Heb. *ye sons of the mighty.*

^c Heb. *the honour of his name.*

⁷ Or, *in his glorious sanctuary.*

^d 2 Chron. 20. 21.

^e Job 37. 4, 5.

⁸ Or, *great waters.*

⁹ Heb. *in power.*

² Heb. *in majesty.*

^d Isai. 2. 13.

^e Ps. 114. 4.

^f Deut. 3. 9.

³ Heb. *cutteth out.*

⁵ Num. 13. 26.

^h Job 39. 1, 2, 3.

⁴ Or, *to be in pain.*

⁵ Or, *every whit of it uttereth, &c.*

^a Or, *My heart said unto thee, Let my face seek thy face, &c.*

^m Ps. 24. 6. & 105. 4.

ⁿ Ps. 69. 17. & 143. 7.

^o Isai. 49. 15.

^q Heb. *will gather me,*
Isai. 40. 11.

^p Ps. 25. 4. & 86. 11. & 119.

^r Heb. *a way of plainness,*
Ps. 26. 12.

^s Heb. *those which observe me,*
Ps. 5. 8. & 54. 5.

^t Ps. 35. 25.

^u 1 Sam. 22. 9.
2 Sam. 16. 7, 8.
Ps. 35. 11.

^v Acts 9. 1.

^w Ps. 56. 13. & 116. 9. & 142. 5.

^x Jer. 11. 19.
Ezek. 26. 20.

^y Ps. 31. 24. & 62. 1, 5. & 130. 5.
Isai. 25. 9.
Hab. 2. 3.

^a Ps. 83. 1.

^b Heb. *from me.*

^c Ps. 88. 4. & 143. 7.

^d 1 Kin. 6. 22, 23. & 8. 28, 29.
Ps. 5. 7.

^e Or, *toward the oracle of thy sanctuary.*

^f Ps. 138. 2.

^g Ps. 26. 9.

^h Ps. 12. 2. & 55. 21. & 62. 4.
Jer. 9. 8.

ⁱ 2 Tim. 4. 14.
Rev. 18. 6.

¹ Gen. 6. 17.
Job 38. 8, 25.
^k Ps. 10. 16.

¹ Ps. 28. 8.

10 The LORD ⁱsitteth upon the flood; yea, ^kthe LORD sitteth King for ever.

11 ¹The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

PSALM XXX.

¹ David praiseth God for his deliverance. ⁴ He exhorteth others to praise him by example of God's dealing with him.

A Psalm and Song *at the dedication of the house of David.

I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast ^alifted me up, and hast not made my foes to ^brejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast ^chealed me.

3 O LORD, ^dthou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not ^ego down to the pit.

4 ^fSing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks ²at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For ³his anger endureth but a moment; ^hin his favour *is* life: weeping may endure ⁴for a night, ⁱbut ⁵joy cometh in the morning.

6 And ^kin my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast ⁶made my mountain to stand strong: ¹thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

9 What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? ^mShall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

11 ⁿThou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12 To the end that ⁷my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

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^{*} Deut. 20. 5.
² Sam. 5. 11.
& 6. 20.

^a Ps. 28. 9.

^b Ps. 25. 2. &
35. 19, 24.

^c Ps. 6. 2. &
103. 3.
^d Ps. 86. 13.

^e Ps. 28. 1.

^f 1 Chron. 16. 4.
Ps. 97. 12.
³ Or, *to the memorial.*

^h Ps. 103. 9.
Isai. 26. 20.
& 54. 7, 8.
2 Cor. 4. 17.
ⁱ Heb. there is but a moment in his anger.

^k Ps. 63. 3.
^h Heb. in the evening.
¹ Ps. 126. 5.
⁶ Heb. singing.
⁶ Job 29. 18.
⁶ Heb. settled strength for my mountain.
¹ Ps. 104. 29.

^m Ps. 6. 5. &
88. 11. & 115.
17. & 118. 17.
Isai. 38. 18.

ⁿ 2 Sam. 6. 14.
Isai. 61. 3.
Jer. 31. 4.

⁷ That is, my tongue, or, my soul: See Gen. 49. 6. Ps. 16. 9. & 57. 8.

PSALM XXXI.

¹ David shewing his confidence in God craveth his help. ⁷ He rejoiceth in his mercy. ⁹ He prayeth in his calamity. ¹⁹ He praiseth God for his goodness.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

IN ^athee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: ^bdeliver me in thy righteousness.

2 ^cBow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou ²my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

3 ^dFor thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore ^efor thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.

5 ^fInto thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated them ^gthat regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast ^hknown my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not ⁱshut me up into the hand of the enemy: ^kthou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: ¹mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and ^mmy bones are consumed.

11 ⁿI was a reproach among all mine enemies, but ^cespecially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: ^pthey that did see me without fled from me.

12 ^qI am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like ³a broken vessel.

13 ^rFor I have heard the slander of many: ^sfear *was* on every side: while they ^ttook counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

^a Ps. 22. 5. &
25. 2. & 71. 1.
Isai. 49. 23.

^b Ps. 143. 1.

^c Ps. 71. 2.

^g Heb. *to me for a rock of strength.*

^d Ps. 18. 2.

^e Ps. 23. 3. &
25. 11.

^f Luke 23. 46.
Acts 7. 59.

^g Jonah 2. 8.

^h John 10. 27.

ⁱ Deut. 32. 30.
1 Sam. 17. 46.
& 24. 18.
^k Ps. 4. 1. &
18. 19.

¹ Ps. 6. 7.

^m Ps. 32. 3.
& 102. 3.

ⁿ Ps. 41. 8.
Isai. 53. 4.

^c Job 19. 13.
Ps. 38. 11. &
88. 8, 18.
^p Ps. 64. 8.

^q Ps. 88. 4, 5.

^s Heb. *a vessel that perisheth.*

^r Jer. 20. 10.

^s Jer. 6. 25.
& 20. 3.
Lam. 2. 22.

^t Matt. 27. 1.

14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD :
I said, Thou *art* my God.

15 My times *are* in thy hand : deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

16 ^a Make thy face to shine upon thy servant : save me for thy mercies' sake.

17 ^x Let me not be ashamed, O LORD ; for I have called upon thee : let the wicked be ashamed, *and* ^y ² let them be silent in the grave.

18 ^z Let the lying lips be put to silence ; which ^a speak ³ grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 ^b Oh how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee ; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men !

20 ^c Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man : ^d thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed *be* the LORD : for ^e he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness ^f in a ⁴ strong city.

22 For ^g I said in my haste, ^h I am cut off from before thine eyes : nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

23 ⁱ O love the LORD, all ye his saints : *for* the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 ^k Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

PSALM XXXII.

1 *Blessedness consisteth in remission of sins.*
3 *Confession of sins giveth ease to the conscience.* 8 *God's promises bring joy.*

^a A Psalm of David, Maschil.

BLESSED *is* he whose ^a transgression *is* forgiven, whose sin *is* covered.

2 Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD ^b imputeth not iniquity, and ^c in whose spirit *there is* no guile.

8 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy ^d hand was heavy upon me : my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. ^e I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD ; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6 ^f For this shall every one that is godly ^g pray unto thee ² in a time when thou mayest be found : surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 ^h Thou *art* my hiding place ; thou shalt preserve me ⁱ from trouble ; thou shalt compass me about with ¹ songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go : ³ I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 ^k Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have ¹ no understanding : whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 ^m Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked : but ⁿ he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 ^o Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous : and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

PSALM XXXIII.

1 *God is to be praised for his goodness,* 6 *for his power,* 12 *and for his providence.* 20 *Confidence is to be placed in God.*

REJOICE ^a in the LORD, O ye righteous : *for* ^b praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the LORD with harp : sing unto him with the psaltery ^c and an instrument of ten strings.

3 ^d Sing unto him a new song ; play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD *is* right ; and all his works *are done* in truth.

^d 1 Sam. 5. 6, 11.
Job 33. 7.
Ps. 38. 2.

^e Prov. 28. 13.
Isai. 65. 24.
Luke 15. 18, 21, &c.
1 John 1. 9.

^f 1 Tim. 1. 16.
^g Isai. 55. 6.
John 7. 34.
^h Heb. *in a time of finding.*

ⁱ Ps. 9. 9. & 27. 5. & 31. 20. & 119. 114.

^j Ex. 15. 1.
Judg. 5. 1.
2 Sam. 22. 1.

^k Heb. *I will counsel thee, mine eye shall be upon thee.*
^l Prov. 26. 3.
James 3. 3.
1 Job 35. 11.

^m Prov. 13. 21.
Rom. 2. 9.
ⁿ Ps. 34. 8. & 84. 12.
Prov. 16. 20.
Jer. 17. 7.
^o Ps. 64. 10. & 68. 3.

^a Ps. 32. 11. & 97. 12.
^b Ps. 147. 1.

^c Ps. 92. 3. & 144. 9.

^d Ps. 96. 1. & 98. 1. & 144. 9. & 149. 1.
Isai. 42. 10.
Rev. 5. 9.

^a Num. 6. 25, 26. Ps. 4. 6. & 67. 1.

^x Ps. 25. 2.

^y 1 Sam. 2. 9. Ps. 115. 17.

^z Or, *let them be cut off for the grave.*

^a Ps. 12. 3.

^b 1 Sam. 2. 3. Ps. 94. 4. Jude 15.

^c Heb. *a hard thing.*

^d Isai. 64. 4. 1 Cor. 2. 9.

^e Ps. 27. 5. & 32. 7.

^f Job 5. 21.

^g Ps. 17. 7.

^h 1 Sam. 23. 7.
ⁱ Or, *fenced city.*

^j 1 Sam. 23. 26. Ps. 116. 11.

^k Isai. 38. 11, 12. Lam. 3. 54. Jonah 2. 4.

^l Ps. 34. 9.

^m Ps. 27. 14.

^a Or, A Psalm of David giving instruction.

^b Ps. 85. 2. Rom. 4. 6, 7, 8.

^c 2 Cor. 5. 19.

^d John 1. 47.

^o Ps. 11. 7.
& 45. 7.
^r Ps. 119. 64.
^a Or, *mercy*.
^s Gen. 1. 6, 7.
Hebr. 11. 3.
² Pet. 3. 5.
^b Gen. 2. 1.
ⁱ Job 26. 13.

^k Gen. 1. 9.
Job 26. 10.
& 38. 8.

ⁱ Gen. 1. 3.
Ps. 148. 5.

^m Isai. 8. 10.
& 19. 3.
^a Heb. *maketh*
frustrate.

ⁿ Job 23. 13.
Prov. 19. 21.
Isai. 46. 10.

^a Heb. *to gene-*
ration and
generation.

^o Ps. 65. 4. &
144. 15.

^p Ex. 19. 5.
Deut. 7. 6.

^q 2 Chron. 16. 9.
Job 28. 24.
Ps. 11. 4.
& 14. 2.
Prov. 15. 3.

^r Job 34. 21.
Jor. 32. 19.
^a Ps. 44. 6.

^t Ps. 20. 7. &
147. 10.
Prov. 21. 31.

^u Job 36. 7.
Ps. 34. 15.
1 Pet. 3. 12.
^s Ps. 147. 11.

^v Job 5. 20.
Ps. 37. 19.
^s Ps. 62. 1, 5.
& 130. 6.
^a Ps. 115. 9,
10, 11.
^b Ps. 13. 5.
Zech. 10. 7.
John 16. 22.

5 ^o He loveth righteousness and judgment: ^rthe earth is full of the ²goodness of the LORD.

6 ^s By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and ^ball the host of them ⁱby the breath of his mouth.

7 ^k He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For ⁱhe spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 ^m The LORD ³bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 ⁿ The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart ⁴to all generations.

12 ^o Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath ^pchosen for his own inheritance.

13 ^q The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; ^rhe considereth all their works.

16 ^s There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 ^t An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

18 ^u Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* ^xupon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and ^yto keep them alive in famine.

20 ^s Our soul waiteth for the LORD: ^ahe *is* our help and our shield.

21 For our ^bheart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

1 *David praiseth God, and exhorteth others thereto by his experience.* 8 *They are blessed that trust in God.* 11 *He exhorteth to the fear of God.* 15 *The privileges of the righteous.*

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before ²Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

I WILL ^abless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her ^bboast in the LORD: ^cthe humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

3 O ^dmagnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I ^esought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and ³were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6 ^fThis poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and ^gsaved him out of all his troubles.

7 ^hThe angel of the LORD ⁱencampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O ^ktaste and see that the LORD *is* good: ^lblessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

9 ^mO fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

10 ⁿThe young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: ^obut they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: ^pI will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 ^qWhat man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from ^rspeaking guile.

14 ^sDepart from evil, and do good; ^tseek peace, and pursue it.

15 ^uThe eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are* open unto their ^xcry.

16 ^yThe face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, ^ato cut off the

^a Or, *Achish*,
1 Sam. 21. 13.

^a Eph. 5. 20.
1 Thess. 5. 18.
2 Thess. 1. 3.
& 2. 13.

^b Jer. 9. 24.
1 Cor. 1. 31.
2 Cor. 10. 17.

^c Ps. 119. 74.
& 142. 7.

^d Ps. 69. 30.
Luke 1. 46.

^e Matt. 7. 7.
Luke 11. 9.

^s Or, *They*
flowed unto
him.

^f Ps. 3. 4.

^g ver. 17, 19.
2 Sam. 22. 1.

^h Dan. 6. 22.
Hebr. 1. 14.

ⁱ See Gen. 32.
1, 2.

2 Kin. 6. 17.
Zech. 9. 8.

^k 1 Pet. 2. 3.
^l Ps. 2. 12.

^m Ps. 31. 23.

ⁿ Job 4. 10, 11.
^o Ps. 84. 11.

^p Ps. 32. 8.

^q 1 Pet. 3. 10,
11.

^r 1 Pet. 2. 22.

^s Ps. 37. 27.
Isai. 1. 16, 17.

^t Rom. 12. 18.
Hebr. 12. 14.

^u Job 36. 7.
Ps. 33. 18.

1 Pet. 3. 12.
^x ver. 6, 17.

^y Lev. 17. 10.
Jer. 44. 11.

Amos 9. 4.
^a Prov. 10. 7.

^a ver. 6, 15, 19.
Ps. 145. 19, 20.

^b Ps. 145. 18.

^c Ps. 51. 17.
Isai. 57. 15.
& 61. 1. &
66. 2.

^d Heb. *to the broken of heart.*

^e Heb. *contrite of spirit.*

^f Prov. 24. 16.
2 Tim. 3. 11,
12.

^g ver. 6, 17.

^h John 19. 36.

ⁱ Ps. 94. 23.

^j Or, *shall be guilty.*

^k 2 Sam. 4. 9.
1 Kin. 1. 29.
Ps. 71. 23. &
103. 4.
Lam. 3. 58.

^a Ps. 43. 1. &
119. 154.
Lam. 3. 58.

^b Ex. 14. 25.

^c Isai. 42. 13.

^d ver. 26.
Ps. 40. 14, 15.
& 70. 2, 3.

^e Ps. 129. 5.

^f Job 21. 18.
Ps. 1. 4. &
83. 13.
Isai. 29. 5.
Hos. 13. 3.

^g Heb. *darkness and slipperiness.*

^h Ps. 73. 18.
Jer. 23. 12.

ⁱ Ps. 9. 15.

^j 1 Thess. 5. 3.

^k Heb. *which he knoweth not of.*

^l Ps. 7. 15, 16.
& 57. 6. &
141. 9, 10.
Prov. 5. 22.

remembrance of them from the earth.

17 *The righteous* cry, and ^athe LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 ^bThe LORD is nigh ^cunto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be ^dof a contrite spirit.

19 ^eMany are the afflictions of the righteous: ^fbut the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: ^gnot one of them is broken.

21 ^hEvil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous ⁱshall be desolate.

22 The LORD ^jredeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM XXXV.

1 *David prayeth for his own safety, and his enemies' confusion.* 11 *He complaineth of their wrongful dealing.* 22 *Thereby he inciteth God against them.*

A Psalm of David.

PLEAD ^amy cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: ^bfight against them that fight against me.

2 ^cTake hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.

4 ^dLet them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be ^eturned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5 ^fLet them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase *them*.

6 Let their way be ^gdark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

7 For without cause have they ^hhid for me their net in a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.

8 Let ⁱdestruction come upon him ^jat unawares; and ^klet his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: ^lit shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 ^mAll my bones shall say, LORD, ⁿwho *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11 ^oFalse witnesses did rise up; ^pthey laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

12 ^qThey rewarded me evil for good *to* the ^rspoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, ^swhen they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I ^thumbled my soul with fasting; ^uand my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14 I ^vbehaved myself ^was though *he had been* my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.

15 But in mine ^xadversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea*, ^ythe abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did ^ztear *me*, and ceased not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, ^{aa}they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou ^{ab}look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, ^{ac}my darling from the lions.

18 ^{ad}I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among ^{ae}much people.

19 ^{af}Let not them that are mine enemies ^{ag}wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* ^{ah}let them wink with the eye ^{ai}that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they ^{aj}opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, ^{ak}Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*.

22 *This* thou hast ^{al}seen, O LORD: ^{am}keep not silence: O Lord, be not ^{an}far from me.

23 ^{ao}Stir up thyself, and awake to

¹ Ps. 13. 5.

^{2a} See Ps. 51. 8.

^{2b} Ex. 15. 11.
Ps. 71. 19.

^{3a} Heb. *Witnesses of wrong.*

^{3b} Ps. 27. 12.

^{3c} Heb. *they asked me.*

^{3d} Ps. 38. 20. &
109. 3, 4, 5.
Jer. 18. 20.

^{3e} John 10. 32.

^{3f} Heb. *depriving.*

^{3g} Job 30. 25.
Ps. 69. 10, 11.

^{3h} Or, *afflicted.*

³ⁱ Matt. 10. 13.
Luke 10. 6.

^{3j} Heb. *walked.*

^{3k} Heb. *as a friend, as a brother to me.*

^{3l} Heb. *halting,*
Ps. 38. 17.

^{3m} Job 30. 1, 8,
12.

³ⁿ Job 16. 9.

^{3o} Job 16. 9.
Ps. 37. 12.
Lam. 2. 16.

^{3p} Hab. 1. 13.

^{3q} Heb. *my only one.*

^{3r} Ps. 22. 20.

^{3s} Ps. 22. 25, 31.
& 40. 9, 10.
& 111. 1.

^{3t} Heb. *strong.*

^{3u} Ps. 13. 4. &
25. 2. & 38. 16.

^{3v} Heb. *falsely,*
Ps. 38. 19.

^{3w} Job 15. 12.
Prov. 6. 13.
& 10. 10.

^{3x} Ps. 69. 4. &
109. 3.
& 119. 161.

^{3y} Lam. 3. 52.
John 15. 25.

^{3z} Ps. 22. 13.

^{3aa} Ps. 40. 15.
& 54. 7. &
70. 3.

^{3ab} Ex. 3. 7.
Acts 7. 34.

^{3ac} Ps. 28. 1. &
83. 1.

^{3ad} Ps. 10. 1. &
22. 11, 19.
& 38. 21. &
71. 12.

^{3ae} Ps. 44. 23.
& 80. 2.

^k Ps. 26. 1.

^l 2 Thess. 1. 6.

^m ver. 19.

ⁿ Ps. 27. 12. &

70. 3. & 140. 8.

^o Heb. *Ah, ah,*

our soul.

^p Lam. 2. 16.

^q ver. 4.

^r Ps. 40. 14.

^s Ps. 109. 29.

& 132. 18.

^t Ps. 38. 16.

^u Rom. 12. 15.

1 Cor. 12. 26.

^v Heb. *my*

righteousness,

Prov. 8. 18.

^w Ps. 70. 4.

^x Ps. 149. 4.

^y Ps. 50. 15.

& 51. 14. &

71. 24.

my judgment, *even* unto my cause,
my God and my Lord.

24 ^k Judge me, O LORD my God,
^l according to thy righteousness; and
^m let them not rejoice over me.

25 ⁿ Let them not say in their
hearts, ^o Ah, so would we have it:
let them not say, ^p We have swal-
lowed him up.

26 ^q Let them be ashamed and
brought to confusion together that
rejoice at mine hurt: let them be
^r clothed with shame and dishonour
that ^s magnify *themselves* against
me.

27 ^t Let them shout for joy, and
be glad, that favour ^u my righteous
cause: yea, let them ^v say continu-
ally, Let the LORD be magnified,
^w which hath pleasure in the pros-
perity of his servant.

28 ^x And my tongue shall speak of
thy righteousness *and* of thy praise
all the day long.

PSALM XXXVI.

1 *The grievous estate of the wicked.* 5 *The*
excellency of God's mercy. 10 *David pray-*
eth for favour to God's children.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David the
servant of the LORD.

THE transgression of the wicked
saith within my heart, *that*
^a *there is* no fear of God before his
eyes.

2 For ^b he flattereth himself in his
own eyes, ^c until his iniquity be
found to be hateful.

3 The words of his mouth *are* ini-
quity and ^d deceit: ^e he hath left off
to be wise, *and* to do good.

4 ^f He deviseth ^g mischief upon his
bed; he setteth himself ^h in a way
that is not good; he abhorreth not
evil.

5 ⁱ Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the
heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reach-*
eth unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness *is* like ^j the
great mountains; ^k thy judgments
are a great deep: O LORD, ^l thou
preservest man and beast.

7 ^m How ⁿ excellent *is* thy loving-
kindness, O God! *therefore* the

children of men ^o put their trust
under the shadow of thy wings.

8 ^p They shall be ^q abundantly sa-
tisfied with the fatness of thy house;
and thou shalt make them drink of
^r the river ^s of thy pleasures.

9 ^t For with thee *is* the fountain of
life: ^u in thy light shall we see light.

10 O ^v continue thy lovingkindness
^w unto them that know thee; and
thy righteousness to the ^x upright
in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come
against me, and let not the hand
of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of ini-
quity fallen: they are cast down,
^y and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM XXXVII.

David persuadeth to patience and confidence
in God, by the different estate of the godly
and the wicked.

A Psalm of David.

FRET ^a not thyself because of
evildoers, neither be thou en-
vious against the workers of ini-
quity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down
^b like the grass, and wither as the
green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;
^c so shalt thou dwell in the land, and
^d verily thou shalt be fed.

4 ^e Delight thyself also in the LORD;
and he shall give thee the desires
of thine heart.

5 ^f ^g Commit thy way unto the
LORD; trust also in him; and he
shall bring *it* to pass.

6 ^h And he shall bring forth thy
righteousness as the light, and thy
judgment as the noonday.

7 ⁱ ^j Rest in the LORD, ^k and wait
patiently for him: ^l fret not thyself
because of him who prospereth in
his way, because of the man who
bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake
wrath: ^m fret not thyself in any wise
to do evil.

9 ⁿ For evildoers shall be cut off:
but those that wait upon the LORD,
they shall ^o inherit the earth.

¹ Ruth 2. 12.
Ps. 17. 8.
& 91. 4.

² Ps. 65. 4.

³ Heb. *watered.*

⁴ Job 20. 17.

Rev. 22. 1.

⁵ Ps. 16. 11.

⁶ Jer. 2. 13.

John 4. 10, 14.

⁷ 1 Pet. 2. 9.

⁸ Heb. *draw*

out at length.

⁹ Jer. 22. 16.

¹⁰ Ps. 7. 10. & 94.

15. & 97. 11.

¹¹ Ps. 1. 5.

¹² ver. 7.
Ps. 73. 3.
Prov. 23. 17.
& 24. 1, 19.

¹³ Ps. 90. 5, 6.

¹⁴ Heb. *in truth,*
or, stableness.
¹⁵ Isai. 58. 14.

¹⁶ Heb. *Roll thy*
way upon the
LORD.

¹⁷ Ps. 55. 22.

Prov. 16. 3.

Matt. 6. 25.

Luke 12. 22.

1 Pet. 5. 7.

¹⁸ Job 11. 17.

Mic. 7. 9.

¹⁹ Ps. 62. 1.

²⁰ Heb. *Be silent*

to the LORD.

²¹ Isai. 30. 15.

Lam. 3. 26.

²² ver. 1, 8.

Jer. 12. 1.

²³ Ps. 73. 3.

Eph. 4. 26.

²⁴ Job 27. 13, 14.

²⁵ ver. 11, 22, 29.

Isai. 57. 13.

^m Hebr. 10. 36, 37.
ⁿ Job 7. 10. & 20. 9.

^o Matt. 5. 5.

^p Or, practiseth.

^q Ps. 35. 16.

^r Ps. 2. 4.

^s 1 Sam. 26. 10.

^t Hob. the up-right of way.

^u Mic. 5. 6.

^v Prov. 15. 16. & 16. 8.
1 Tim. 6. 6.

^w Job 38. 15.
Ps. 10. 15.
Ezek. 30. 21, &c.

^x Ps. 1. 6.

^y Isai. 60. 21.

^z Job 5. 20.
Ps. 33. 19.

^a Hob. the preciousness of lambs.

^b Ps. 102. 3.

^c Ps. 112. 5, 9.

^d Prov. 3. 33.

^e ver. 9.

^f 1 Sam. 2. 9.
Prov. 16. 9.

^g Or, established.

^h Ps. 34. 19, 20. & 40. 2. & 91. 12.
Prov. 24. 16.
Mic. 7. 8.
2 Cor. 4. 9.

ⁱ Job 15. 23.
Ps. 59. 15. & 109. 10.

10 For ^m yet a little while, and the wicked *shall* not *be*: yea, ⁿ thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not *be*.

11 ^o But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked ^p plotteth against the just, ^q and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 ^r The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that ^s his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay ^t such as be of upright conversation.

15 ^u Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16 ^v A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.

17 For ^w the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

18 The LORD ^x knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be ^y for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and ^z in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as ^a the fat of lambs: they shall consume; ^b into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but ^c the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

22 ^d For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and *they that be* cursed of him ^e shall be cut off.

23 ^f The steps of a *good* man are ^g ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

24 ^h Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.

25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed ⁱ begging bread.

26 ^j *He is* ^k ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.

27 ^l Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD ^m loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: ⁿ but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 ^o The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30 ^p The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 ^q The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his ^r steps shall slide.

32 The wicked ^s watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

33 The LORD ^t will not leave him in his hand, nor ^u condemn him when he is judged.

34 ^v Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: ^w when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.

35 ^x I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like ^y a green bay tree.

36 Yet he ^z passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for ^a the end of *that man is* peace.

38 ^b But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But ^c the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength ^d in the time of trouble.

40 And ^e the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, ^f because they trust in him.

PSALM XXXVIII.

David moveth God to take compassion of his pitiful case.

A Psalm of David, ^g to bring to remembrance.

O ^h LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For ⁱ thine arrows stick fast in

^j Deut. 15. 8, 10.

^k Ps. 112. 5, 9.

^l Hob. *all the day*.

^m Ps. 34. 14.

ⁿ Isai. 1. 16, 17.

^o Ps. 11. 7.

^p Ps. 21. 10.
Prov. 2. 22.
Isai. 14. 20.

^q Prov. 2. 21.

^r Matt. 12. 35.

^s Deut. 6. 6.
Ps. 40. 8. & 119. 98.

^t Isai. 51. 7.

^u Or, *goings*.

^v Ps. 10. 8.

^w 2 Pet. 2. 9.

^x Ps. 109. 31.

^y ver. 9.
Ps. 27. 14.
Prov. 20. 22.

^z Ps. 52. 5, 6. & 91. 8.

^a Job 5. 3.

^b Or, *a green tree that groweth in his own soil*.
^c Job 20. 5, &c.

^d Isai. 32. 17. & 57. 2.

^e Ps. 1. 4. & 52. 5.

^f Ps. 3. 8.

^g Ps. 9. 9.

^h Isai. 31. 5.

ⁱ 1 Chron. 5. 20.
Dan. 3. 17, 28. & 6. 23.

^j Ps. 70. title.

^k Ps. 6. 1.

^l Job 6. 4.

^c Ps. 32. 4.

me, and ^cthy hand presseth me sore.

^d Ps. 6. 2.^a Heb. *peace, or, health.*^e Ezra 9. 6.
^f Ps. 40. 12.^f Matt. 11. 28.^g Heb. *cried.*^g Ps. 35. 14.^h Job 30. 28.
ⁱ Ps. 42. 9.
& 43. 2.ⁱ Job 7. 5.^k ver. 3.^j Job 3. 24.^k Ps. 22. 1.
^l Isai. 59. 11.^m Ps. 6. 7. &
88. 9.^l Heb. *is not with me.*ⁿ Ps. 31. 11.^o Luke 10. 31,
32.^p Heb. *stroke.*^q Or, *my neighbours.*^r Luke 23. 49.^s 2 Sam. 17. 1,
2, 3.^t 2 Sam. 16. 7, 8.^u Ps. 35. 20.^v See 2 Sam.
16. 10.^w Ps. 39. 2, 9.^x Or, *thou do I wait for.*^y 2 Sam. 16. 12.
^z Ps. 39. 7.^{aa} Or, *answer.*^{ab} Ps. 13. 4.^{ac} Deut. 32. 35.^{ad} Ps. 35. 26.^{ae} Heb. *for halting,*
Ps. 35. 15.^{af} Ps. 32. 5.
Prov. 28. 13.^{ag} 2 Cor. 7. 9, 10.^{ah} Heb. *being living, are strong.*^{ai} Ps. 35. 19.

8 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; ^dneither *is there any* ^erest in my bones because of my sin.

4 For ^emine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too ^fheavy for me.

5 My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.

6 I am ^gtroubled; ^hI am bowed down greatly; ⁱI go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a ^jloathsome *disease*: and *there is* ^kno soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken: ^lI have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for ^mthe light of mine eyes, it also ⁿis gone from me.

11 ⁿMy lovers and my friends ^ostand aloof from my ^psore; and ^qmy kinsmen ^rstand afar off.

12 They also that seek after my life ^slay snares *for me*: and they that seek my hurt ^tspeak mischievous things, and ^uimagine deceits all the day long.

13 But ^vI, as a deaf *man*, heard not; ^wand *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.

15 For ^xin thee, O LORD, ^ydo I hope: thou wilt ^zhear, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, *Hear me*, ^{aa}lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when my ^{ab}foot slippeth, they ^{ac}magnify *themselves* against me.

17 For I *am* ready ^{ad}to halt, and my sorrow *is* continually before me.

18 For I will ^{ae}declare mine iniquity; I will be ^{af}sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies ^{ag}are lively, *and* they are strong: and they that ^{ah}hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also ^{ai}that render evil for good are mine adversaries; ^{aj}because I follow *the thing that* good *is*.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, ^{ak}be not far from me.

22 Make haste ^{al}to help me, O Lord ^{am}my salvation.

PSALM XXXIX.

¹ *David's care of his thoughts.* ⁴ *The consideration of the brevity and vanity of life.* ⁷ *the reverence of God's judgments,* ¹⁰ *and prayer,* *are his bridles of impatency.*

To the chief Musician, *even* to ^{*}Jeduthun,
A Psalm of David.

I SAID, I will ^{*}take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep ^{ab}my mouth with a bridle, ^cwhile the wicked is before me.

2 ^dI was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was ^estirred.

3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing ^fthe fire burned: *then* spake I with my tongue,

4 LORD, ^gmake me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is*; *that* I may know ^hhow frail I *am*.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* an handbreadth; and ⁱmine age *is* as nothing before thee: ^jverily every man ^kat his best state *is* altogether vanity. Selah.

6 Surely every man walketh in ^la vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: ^mhe heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? ⁿmy hope *is* in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not ^othe reproach of the foolish.

9 ^pI was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because ^qthou didst *it*.

10 ^rRemove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the ^sblow of thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest ^this beauty ^uto consume away

^{*} Ps. 35. 12.^f See 1 Pet.
3. 13. &
1 John 3. 12.^{*} Ps. 35. 22.^g Heb. *for my help.*^h Ps. 27. 1. &
62. 2, 6.
Isai. 12. 2.^{*} 1 Chron. 16.
41. & 25. 1.
Ps. 62, & 77,
title.^a 1 Kin. 2. 4.
2 Kin. 10. 31.^b Heb. *a bridle,*
or, muzzle for
my mouth.^c Ps. 141. 3.^d Jam. 3. 2.^e Col. 4. 5.^f Ps. 38. 13.^g Heb. *troubled.*^{*} Jer. 20. 9.^f Ps. 90. 12. &
119. 84.^h Or, *what time*
I have here.^{*} Ps. 90. 4.^h ver. 11.
Ps. 62. 9. &
144. 4.ⁱ Heb. *settled.*^j Heb. *an*
image.^k 1 Cor. 7. 31.^l Jam. 4. 14.^m Job 27. 17.
Eccles. 2. 18,
21, 26. & 5. 14.
Luke 12. 20,
21.ⁿ Ps. 38. 15.^o Ps. 44. 13.
& 79. 4.^p Lev. 10. 3.^q Job 40. 4, 5.^r Ps. 38. 13.^s 2 Sam. 16. 10.
Job 2. 10.^t Job 9. 34. &
13. 21.^u Heb. *conflict.*^v Heb. *that*
which is to be
desired in
him to melt
away.^w Job 4. 19. &
13. 28.^x Isai. 50. 9.^y Hos. 5. 12.

^a ver. 5.

like a moth: ^asurely every man is vanity. Selah.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: ^afor I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, ^aas all my fathers were.

13 ^aO spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and ^abe no more.

PSALM XL.

1 *The benefit of confidence in God. 6 Obedience is the best sacrifice. 11 The sense of David's evils inflameth his prayer.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

I ^aWAITED patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of ^aan horrible pit, out of ^bthe miry clay, and ^cset my feet upon a rock, and ^destablished my goings.

3 ^eAnd he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: ^fmany shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

4 ^gBlessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and ^hrespecteth not the proud, nor such as ⁱturn aside to lies.

5 ^kMany, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, ^land thy thoughts which are to us-ward: ^mthey cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

6 ⁿSacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou ^oopened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is ^pwritten of me,

8 ^qI delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is ^rwithin my heart.

9 ^sI have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, ^tI have not refrained my lips, O LORD, ^uthou knowest.

10 ^vI have not hid thy righteous-

ness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: ^wlet thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: ^xmine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore ^ymy heart ^zfaileth me.

13 ^{aa}Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 ^{ab}Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 ^{ac}Let them be ^{ad}desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 ^{ae}Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation ^{af}say continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 ^{ag}But I am poor and needy; yet ^{ah}the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM XLI.

1 *God's care of the poor. 4 David complaineth of his enemies' treachery. 10 He fleeth to God for succour.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

BLESSED ^{ai}is he that considereth ^{aj}the poor: the LORD will deliver him ^{ak}in time of trouble.

2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: ^{al}and ^{am}thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt ^{an}make all his bed in his sickness.

^{aw} Ps. 43. 3. & 57. 3. & 61. 7.

^{ax} Ps. 38. 4.

^{ay} Ps. 73. 26.
^{az} Heb. forsaketh.
^{ba} Ps. 70. 1, &c.

^{ab} Ps. 35. 4, 26. & 70. 2, 3. & 71. 13.

^{ac} Ps. 70. 3.
^{ad} Ps. 73. 19.

^{ae} Ps. 70. 4.

^{af} Ps. 35. 27.

^{ag} Ps. 70. 5.
^{ah} 1 Pet. 5. 7.

^{ai} Prov. 14. 21.

^{aj} Or, the weak, or, sick.
^{ak} Heb. in the day of evil.

^{al} Ps. 27. 12.

^{am} Or, do not thou deliver.

^{an} Heb. turn.

^a Lev. 25. 23.
^b 1 Chron. 29. 15.
^c Ps. 119. 19.
^d 2 Cor. 5. 6.
^e Hebr. 11. 13.
^f 1 Pet. 1. 17.
^g & 2. 11.
^h Gen. 47. 9.
ⁱ Job 10. 20, 21. & 14. 5, 6.
^j Job 14. 10, 11, 12.

^k Heb. In waiting I waited.
^l Ps. 27. 14. & 37. 7.

^m Heb. a pit of noise.
ⁿ Ps. 69. 2, 14.
^o Ps. 27. 5.
^p Ps. 37. 23.
^q Ps. 33. 3.

^r Ps. 52. 6.

^s Ps. 34. 8.
^t Jer. 17. 7.
^u Ps. 101. 3, 7.
^v Ps. 125. 5.
^w Ex. 15. 11.
^x Job 5. 9. & 9. 10.
^y Ps. 71. 15. & 92. 5. & 139. 6, 17.
^z Isai. 55. 8.

^{aa} Or, none can order them unto thee.
^{ab} 1 Sam. 15. 22.

^{ac} Ps. 50. 8. & 51. 16.
^{ad} Isai. 1. 11. & 66. 3.
^{ae} Hos. 6. 6.
^{af} Matt. 9. 13. & 12. 7.
^{ag} Hebr. 10. 5.

^{ah} Heb. digged, Ex. 21. 6.
^{ai} Luke 24. 44.

^{aj} Ps. 119. 16, 24, 47, 92.
^{ak} John 4. 34.
^{al} Rom. 7. 22.

^{am} Heb. in the midst of my bowels.

^{an} Ps. 37. 31.
^{ao} Jer. 31. 33.
^{ap} 2 Cor. 3. 3.

^{aq} Ps. 22. 22, 25. & 35. 18.

^{ar} Ps. 119. 13.
^{as} Ps. 139. 2.

^{at} Acts 20. 20, 27.

^c 2 Chron. 30.
20.
Ps. 6. 2. &
147. 3.

^d Ps. 12. 2.
Prov. 26. 24,
25, 26.

^e Heb. *evil to me.*
^f Heb. *A thing of Belial.*

^g 2 Sam. 15. 12.
Job 19. 19.
Ps. 55. 12,
13, 20.
Jer. 20. 10.

^h Heb. *the man of my peace.*

ⁱ Obad. 7.
John 13. 18.
^j Heb. *magnified.*

^k Job 36. 7.
Ps. 34. 15.

^l Ps. 106. 48.

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: ^cheal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see *me*, he ^d speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*.

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise ^e my hurt.

8 ^f An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

9 ^g Yea, ^h mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, ⁱ which did eat of my bread, hath ^j lifted up *his* heel against me.

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and ^k settest me before thy face for ever.

13 ^l Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM XLII.

1 *David's zeal to serve God in the temple.* 5 *He encourageth his soul to trust in God.*

To the chief Musician, ^m Maschil, for the sons of Korah.

AS the hart ⁿ panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 ^o My soul thirsteth for God, for ^p the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 ^q My tears have been my meat day and night, while ^r they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?

4 When I remember these *things*, ^s I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, ^t I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 ^u Why art thou ^v cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? ^w hope thou in God: for I shall yet ^x praise him ^y for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from ^z the hill Mizar.

7 ^{aa} Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: ^{ab} all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 *Yet* the LORD will ^{ac} command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and ^{ad} in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? ^{ae} why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 *As* with a ^{af} sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; ^{ag} while they say daily unto me, Where *is* thy God?

11 ^{ah} Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIII

1 *David, praying to be restored to the temple, promiseth to serve God joyfully.* 5 *He encourageth his soul to trust in God.*

^a JUDGE me, O God, and ^b plead my cause against an ^c ungodly nation: O deliver me ^d from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou *art* the God of ^e my strength: why dost thou cast me off? ^f why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 ^g O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto ^h thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God ⁱ my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

^e ver. 11.
Ps. 43. 5.
^f Heb. *bowed down.*
^g Lam. 3. 24.
^h Or, *give thanks.*
ⁱ Or, *his presence is salvation.*

^j Or, *the little hill,*
Ps. 133. 3.
^k Jer. 4. 20.
Ezek. 7. 26.
^l Ps. 88. 7.
Jonah 2. 3.

^m Lev. 25. 21.
Deut. 28. 8.
Ps. 133. 3.
ⁿ Job 35. 10.
Ps. 32. 7. &
63. 6. & 149. 5.

^o Ps. 38. 6. &
43. 2.

^p Or, *killing.*
^q ver. 3.
Joel 2. 17.
Mic. 7. 10.

^r ver. 5.
Ps. 43. 5.

1023.
^s Ps. 26. 1. &
35. 24.
^t Ps. 35. 1.
^u Or, *unmerciful.*
^v Heb. *from a man of deceit and iniquity.*
^w Ps. 28. 7.
^x Ps. 42. 9.
^y Ps. 40. 11. &
57. 3.
^z Ps. 3. 4.

^{aa} Heb. *the gladness of my joy.*

1023.
^a Or, A Psalm giving instruction of the sons, &c. See 1 Chron. 6. 33, 37. & 25. 5.
^b Heb. *brayeth.*
^c Ps. 63. 1. & 84. 2.
John 7. 37.
^d 1 Thess. 1. 9.
^e Ps. 80. 5. & 102. 9.
^f ver. 10.
Ps. 79. 10. & 115. 2.
^g Job 30. 16.
Ps. 62. 8.
^h Isai. 30. 29.

^s Ps. 42. 5, 11.

5 ^s Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIV.

1 *The church, in memory of former favours, 7 complaineth of their present evils. 17 Professing her integrity, 23 she fervently prayeth for succour.*

To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah,
Maschil.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, ^a our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 *How* ^b thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plant-edst them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For ^c they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, ^d because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 ^e Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee ^f will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For ^g I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast ^h put them to shame that hated us.

8 ⁱ In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 But ^k thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to ^l turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 ^m Thou hast given us ² like sheep appointed for meat; and hast ⁿ scattered us among the heathen.

12 ^o Thou sellest thy people ³ for nought, and dost not increase *thy* wealth by their price.

18 ^p Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 ^q Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, ^r a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion *is* continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; ^s by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 ^t All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, ^u neither have our ² steps declined from thy way;

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in ^x the place of dragons, and covered us ^y with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or ^z stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 ^a Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 ^b Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 ^c Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, ^d cast *us* not off for ever.

24 ^e Wherefore hidest thou thy face, *and* forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For ^f our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise ^g for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM XLV.

1 *The majesty and grace of Christ's kingdom. 10 The duty of the church, and the benefits thereof.*

To the chief Musician ^a upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, ^b Maschil, A Song of loves.

MY heart ^c is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the

^d Deut. 28. 37.
Ps. 79. 4.
& 80. 6.

^e Jer. 24. 9.

^f 2 Kin. 19. 21.
Job 16. 4.
Ps. 22. 7.

^g Ps. 8. 2.

^h Dan. 9. 13.

ⁱ Job 23. 11.
Ps. 119. 51,
157.

^j Or, *goings*.

^k Isai. 34. 13.
& 35. 7.
^l Ps. 23. 4.

^m Job 11. 13.
Ps. 68. 31.

ⁿ Job 31. 14.
Ps. 139. 1.
Jer. 17. 10.

^o Rom. 8. 36.

^p Ps. 7. 6. &
35. 23. & 59.
4, 5. & 78. 65.
^q ver. 9. •

^r Job 13. 24.
Ps. 13. 1. &
88. 14.

^s Ps. 119. 25.

^t Heb. *a help for us.*

^u Ps. 69. & 80,
title.

^v Or, *of instruction.*

^w Heb. *boileth, or, bubbleth up.*

^a Ex. 12. 26, 27.
Ps. 78. 3.

^b Ex. 15. 17.
Deut. 7. 1.
Ps. 78. 55.
& 80. 8.

^c Deut. 8. 17.
Josh. 24. 12.

^d Deut. 4. 37.
& 7. 7, 8.

^e Ps. 74. 12.

^f Dan. 8. 4.

^g Ps. 33. 16.
Hos. 1. 7.

^h Ps. 40. 14.

ⁱ Ps. 34. 2.
Jer. 9. 24.
Rom. 2. 17.

^k Ps. 60. 1, 10.
& 74. 1. &
88. 14. & 89.
38. & 108. 11.

^l Lev. 26. 17.
Deut. 28. 25.
Josh. 7. 8, 12.

^m Rom. 8. 36.

ⁿ Heb. *as sheep of meat.*

^o Deut. 4. 27.
& 28. 64.
Ps. 60. 1.

^p Isai. 52. 3, 4.
Jer. 15. 13.

^q Heb. *without riches.*

	king: my tongue <i>is</i> the pen of a ready writer.	shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.	
^a Luke 4. 22.	² Thou art fairer than the children of men: ^a grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.	¹⁶ Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, ^a whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.	^a 1 Pet. 2. 9. Rev. 1. 6. & 5. 10. & 20. 6.
^b Isai. 49. 2. Hebr. 4. 12. Rev. 1. 16. & 19. 15.	³ Gird thy ^b sword upon <i>thy</i> thigh, ^c O <i>most</i> mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.	¹⁷ ^c I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.	^c Mal. 1. 11.
^c Isai. 9. 6. ^d Rev. 6. 2. ^e Heb. <i>prosper thou, ride thou.</i>	⁴ ^d And in thy majesty ² ride prosperously because of truth and meekness <i>and</i> righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.		
	⁵ Thine arrows <i>are</i> sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; <i>whereby</i> the people fall under thee.		
^f Ps. 93. 2. Hebr. 1. 8.	⁶ ^e Thy throne, O God, <i>is</i> for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom <i>is</i> a right sceptre.		
^g Ps. 33. 5.	⁷ ^f Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore ^g God, thy God, ^b hath anointed thee with the oil ⁱ of gladness above thy fellows.		
^h Or, O God. ⁱ Isai. 61. 1. ^j 1 Kin. 1. 39, 40. ^k Ps. 21. 6.	⁸ ^k All thy garments <i>smell</i> of myrrh, and aloes, <i>and</i> cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.		
^l Cant. 1. 3.	⁹ ^l Kings' daughters <i>were</i> among thy honourable women: ^m upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.		
^m See 1 Kings 2. 19.	¹⁰ Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; ⁿ forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;		
ⁿ See Deut. 21. 13.	¹¹ So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: ^o for he <i>is</i> thy Lord; and worship thou him.		
^o Ps. 95. 6. Isai. 54. 5.	¹² And the daughter of Tyre <i>shall be there</i> with a gift; <i>even</i> ^p the rich among the people shall intreat ^q thy favour.		
^p Ps. 22. 29. & 72. 10. Isai. 49. 23. & 60. 3. ^q Heb. <i>thy face.</i> ^r Rev. 19. 7, 8.	¹³ ^q The king's daughter <i>is</i> all glorious within: her clothing <i>is</i> of wrought gold.		
^r Cant. 1. 4.	¹⁴ ^r She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.		
	¹⁵ With gladness and rejoicing		
		PSALM XLVI.	
		¹ <i>The confidence which the church hath in God.</i>	
		³ <i>An exhortation to behold it.</i>	
		To the chief Musician ² for the sons of Korah, ^a A Song upon ^a Alamoth.	^a Or, of. ^b Ps. 48. & 66. ^c 1 Chron. 15. 20. ^d Ps. 62. 7, 8. & 91. 2. & 142. 5. ^e Deut. 4. 7. Ps. 145. 18.
		G OD <i>is</i> our ^a refuge and strength, ^b a very present help in trouble.	^f Heb. <i>the heart of the seas.</i> ^g Ps. 93. 3, 4. Jer. 5. 22. Matt. 7. 25.
		² Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into ³ the midst of the sea;	^h See Isai. 8. 7. ⁱ Ps. 48. 1, 8. Isai. 60. 14.
		³ ^c <i>Though</i> the waters thereof roar <i>and</i> be troubled, <i>though</i> the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.	^j Deut. 23. 14. Isai. 12. 6. Ezek. 43. 7, 9. Hos. 11. 9. Joel 2. 27. Zeph. 3. 15. Zech. 2. 5, 10, 11. & 8. 3.
		⁴ <i>There is</i> ^d a river, the streams whereof shall make glad ^e the city of God, the holy <i>place</i> of the tabernacles of the most High.	^k Heb. <i>when the morning appeareth</i> : See Ex. 14. 24, 27. 2 Chron. 20. 20. Ps. 30. 5. & 143. 8.
		⁵ God <i>is</i> ^f in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, ^g <i>and that</i> right early.	^l Ps. 2. 1. ^m Josh. 2. 9, 24.
		⁶ ^h The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, ⁱ the earth melted.	ⁿ ver. 11. Num. 14. 9. 2 Chron. 13. 12.
		⁷ ⁱ The LORD of hosts <i>is</i> with us; the God of Jacob <i>is</i> ^j our refuge. Selah.	^o Heb. <i>an high place for us</i> , Ps. 9. 9. ^p Ps. 66. 5.
		⁸ ^k Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.	^q Isai. 2. 4. ^r Ps. 76. 3.
		⁹ ^l He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; ^m he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; ⁿ he burneth the chariot in the fire.	^s Ezek. 39. 9. ^t Isai. 2. 11, 17.
		¹⁰ Be still, and know that I <i>am</i> God: ^o I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.	^u ver. 7.
		¹¹ ^p The LORD of hosts <i>is</i> with us; the God of Jacob <i>is</i> our refuge. Selah.	

PSALM XLVII.

The nations are exhorted cheerfully to entertain the kingdom of Christ.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm ² for the sons of Korah.

O ^aCLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

² For the LORD most high is ^b terrible; ^c he is a great King over all the earth.

³ ^d He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

⁴ He shall choose our ^e inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

⁵ ^f God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

⁷ ^g For God is the King of all the earth: ^h sing ye praises ³ with understanding.

⁸ ⁱ God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

⁹ ^j The princes of the people are gathered together, ^k even the people of the God of Abraham: ¹ for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

PSALM XLVIII.

The ornaments and privileges of the church.

A Song and Psalm ⁵ for the sons of Korah.

GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised ^a in the city of our God, in the ^b mountain of his holiness.

² ^c Beautiful for situation, ^d the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, ^e on the sides of the north, ^f the city of the great King.

³ God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

⁴ For, lo, ^g the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

⁵ They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.

⁶ Fear ^h took hold upon them there, ⁱ and pain, as of a woman in travail.

⁷ Thou ^k breakest the ships of Tarshish ¹ with an east wind.

⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen in ^m the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will ⁿ establish it for ever. Selah.

⁹ We have thought of ^o thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

¹⁰ According to ^p thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

¹¹ Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

¹² Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

¹³ ² Mark ye well her bulwarks, ³ consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

¹⁴ For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will ^q be our guide even unto death.

PSALM XLIX.

¹ *An earnest persuasion to build the faith of resurrection, not on worldly power, but on God.*

¹⁶ *Worldly prosperity is not to be admired.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm ⁴ for the sons of Korah.

HEAR this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

² Both ^a low and high, rich and poor, together.

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

⁴ ^b I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

⁵ Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when ^c the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

⁶ They that ^d trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

⁷ None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor ^e give to God a ransom for him:

^h Ex. 15. 15.

ⁱ Hos. 13. 13.

^k Ezek. 27. 26.

¹ Jer. 18. 17.

^m ver. 1, 2.

ⁿ Isai. 2. 2.

Mic. 4. 1.

^o Ps. 26. 3. & 40. 10.

^p Deut. 28. 58.

Josh. 7. 9.

Ps. 113. 3.

Mal. 1. 11, 14.

^q Heb. *Set your heart to her bulwarks.*

³ Or, *raise up.*

^q Isai. 58. 11.

⁴ Or, *of.*

^a Ps. 62. 9.

^b Ps. 78. 2.
Matt. 13. 35.

^c Ps. 38. 4.

^d Job 31. 24,
25.

Ps. 52. 7. & 62. 10.

Mark 10. 24.

1 Tim. 6. 17.

^e Matt. 16. 26.

^a Or, *of.*

^a Isai. 55. 12.

^b Deut. 7. 21.

Neh. 1. 5.

Ps. 76. 12.

^c Mal. 1. 14.

^d Ps. 18. 47.

^e 1 Pet. 1. 4.

^f Ps. 68. 24, 25.

^g Zech. 14. 9.

^h 1 Cor. 14. 15, 16.

³ Or, every one that hath understanding.

¹ 1 Chron. 16.

31. Ps. 93. 1.

& 96. 10. &

97. 1. & 99. 1.

Rev. 19. 6.

⁴ Or, *The voluntary of the people are gathered unto the people of the God of Abraham.*

^k Rom. 4. 11,

12.

¹ Ps. 89. 18.

^a Or, *of.*

^a Ps. 46. 4.

& 87. 3.

^b Isai. 2. 2, 3.

Mic. 4. 1.

Zech. 8. 3.

^c Ps. 50. 2.

Jer. 3. 19.

Lam. 2. 15.

Dan. 8. 9. &

11. 16.

^d Ezek. 20. 6.

^e Isai. 14. 13.

^f Matt. 5. 35.

^g 2 Sam. 10. 6,

14, 16, 18, 19.

^f Job 36. 18, 19.

^g Ps. 89. 48.

^h Eccles. 2. 16.

ⁱ Prov. 11. 4.
^j Eccles. 2. 18,
21.

^k Heb. *to generation and generation.*

^l Gen. 4. 17.

^m ver. 20.
ⁿ Ps. 39. 5. &
82. 7.

^o Luke 12. 20.

^p Heb. *delight in their mouth.*

^q Ps. 47. 3.
^r Dan. 7. 22.
^s Mal. 4. 3.
^t Luke 22. 30.
^u 1 Cor. 6. 2.
^v Rev. 2. 26.
& 20. 4.

^w Job 4. 21.
^x Ps. 39. 11.

^y Or, *strength.*
^z Or, *the grave being an habitation to every one of them.*

^{aa} Ps. 56. 13.
^{ab} Hos. 13. 14.

^{ac} Heb. *from the hand of the grave.*

^{ad} Or, *hell.*

^{ae} Job 27. 19.

^{af} Heb. *in his life.*

^{ag} Deut. 29. 19.
^{ah} Luke 12. 19.

^{ai} Heb. *The soul shall go.*

^{aj} Gen. 15. 15.

^{ak} Job 33. 30.

^{al} Ps. 56. 13.

^{am} ver. 12.

^{an} Eccles. 3. 19.

^{ao} Or, *for Asaph.*
See 1 Chron.
15. 17. & 25. 2.
2 Chron. 29.
30.

^{ap} Neh. 9. 32.
^{aq} Isai. 9. 6.
^{ar} Jer. 32. 18.

8 (For ¹the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

² That he should still live for ever, *and* ³ not see corruption.

⁴ 10 For he seeth *that* ⁵ wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, ⁶ and leave their wealth to others.

⁷ 11 Their inward thought *is*, *that* their houses *shall continue* for ever, *and* their dwelling places ⁸ to all generations; they ⁹ call *their* lands after their own names.

¹⁰ 12 Nevertheless ¹¹ man *being* in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts *that* perish.

¹² 13 This their way *is* their ¹³ folly: yet their posterity ¹⁴ approve their sayings. Selah.

¹⁵ 14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; *and* ¹⁶ the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; ¹⁷ and their ¹⁸ beauty shall consume ¹⁹ in the grave from their dwelling.

²⁰ 15 But God ²¹ will redeem my soul ²² from the power of ²³ the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

²⁴ 16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

²⁵ 17 ²⁶ For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

²⁷ 18 Though ²⁸ while he lived ²⁹ he blessed his soul: *and* ³⁰ men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.

³¹ 19 ³² He shall ³³ go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see ³⁴ light.

³⁵ 20 ³⁶ Man *that is* in honour, *and* understandeth not, ³⁷ is like the beasts *that* perish.

PSALM L.

1 *The majesty of God in the church.* 5 *His order to gather saints.* 7 *The pleasure of God is not in ceremonies,* 14 *but in sincerity of obedience.*

A Psalm ¹ of Asaph.

THE ²mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, *and* called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

³ 2 Out of Zion, ⁴ the perfection of beauty, ⁵ God hath shined.

⁶ 3 Our God shall come, *and* shall not keep silence: ⁷ a fire shall devour before him, *and* it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

⁸ 4 ⁹ He shall call to the heavens from above, *and* to the earth, *that* he may judge his people.

¹⁰ 5 Gather ¹¹ my saints together unto me; ¹² those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

¹³ 6 *And* ¹⁴ the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for ¹⁵ God *is* judge himself. Selah.

¹⁶ 7 ¹⁷ Hear, O my people, *and* I will speak; O Israel, *and* I will testify against thee: ¹⁸ I *am* God, *even* thy God.

¹⁹ 8 ²⁰ I will not reprove thee ²¹ for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, *to have been* continually before me.

²² 9 ²³ I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor* he goats out of thy folds.

²⁴ 10 For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills.

²⁵ 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: *and* the wild beasts of the field *are* ²⁶ mine.

²⁷ 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: ²⁸ for the world *is* mine, *and* the fulness thereof.

²⁹ 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

³⁰ 14 ³¹ Offer unto God thanksgiving; *and* ³² pay thy vows unto the most High:

³³ 15 *And* ³⁴ call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, *and* thou shalt ³⁵ glorify me.

³⁶ 16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or *that* thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

³⁷ 17 ³⁸ Seeing thou hatest instruction, *and* ³⁹ castest my words behind thee.

⁴⁰ 18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou ⁴¹ consentedst with him, *and* ⁴² hast been ⁴³ partaker with adulterers.

⁴⁴ 19 ⁴⁵ Thou givest thy mouth to evil, *and* ⁴⁶ thy tongue frameth deceit.

⁴⁷ ^b Ps. 48. 2.

⁴⁸ ^c Deut. 33. 2.
^d Ps. 80. 1.

⁴⁹ ^e Lev. 10. 2.
^f Num. 16. 35.
^g Ps. 97. 3.
^h Dan. 7. 10.

⁵⁰ ⁱ Deut. 4. 26.
& 31. 28. &
32. 1.

⁵¹ ^j Isai. 1. 2.

⁵² ^k Mic. 6. 1, 2.

⁵³ ^l Deut. 33. 3.

⁵⁴ ^m Isai. 13. 3.

⁵⁵ ⁿ Ex. 24. 7.

⁵⁶ ^o Ps. 97. 6.

⁵⁷ ^p Ps. 75. 7.

⁵⁸ ^q Ps. 81. 8.

⁵⁹ ^r Ex. 20. 2.

⁶⁰ ^s Isai. 1. 11.

⁶¹ ^t Jer. 7. 22.

⁶² ^u Hos. 6. 6.

⁶³ ^v Mic. 6. 6.
^w Acts 17. 25.

⁶⁴ ^x Heb. *with me.*

⁶⁵ ^y Ex. 19. 5.

⁶⁶ ^z Deut. 10. 14.

⁶⁷ ^{aa} Job 41. 11.

⁶⁸ ^{ab} Ps. 24. 1.

⁶⁹ ^{ac} 1 Cor. 10. 26,
28.

⁷⁰ ^{ad} Hos. 14. 2.

⁷¹ ^{ae} Hebr. 13. 15.

⁷² ^{af} Deut. 23. 21.

⁷³ ^{ag} Job 22. 27.

⁷⁴ ^{ah} Ps. 76. 11.

⁷⁵ ^{ai} Eccles. 5. 4, 5.

⁷⁶ ^{aj} Job 22. 27.

⁷⁷ ^{ak} Ps. 91. 15. &
107. 6, 13, 19,
28.

⁷⁸ ^{al} Zech. 13. 9.

⁷⁹ ^{am} ver. 23.

⁸⁰ ^{an} Ps. 22. 23.

⁸¹ ^{ao} Rom. 2. 21,
22.

⁸² ^{ap} Neh. 9. 26.

⁸³ ^{aq} Rom. 1. 32.

⁸⁴ ^{ar} Heb. *thy portion was with adulterers.*

⁸⁵ ^{as} 1 Tim. 5. 22.

⁸⁶ ^{at} Heb. *Thou sendest.*

⁸⁷ ^{au} Ps. 52. 2.

20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These *things* hast thou done, ^band I kept silence; ^cthou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an one* as thyself: *but* ^dI will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that ^eforget God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be* none to deliver.

23 ^fWhoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and ^gto him ^hthat ordereth *his* conversation *aright* will I shew the salvation of God.

PSALM LI.

1 *David prayeth for remission of sins, whereof he maketh a deep confession.* 6 *He prayeth for sanctification.* 16 *God delighteth not in sacrifice, but in sincerity.* 18 *He prayeth for the church.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, * when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies ^ablot out my transgressions.

2 ^bWash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For ^cI acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.

4 ^dAgainst thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil ^ein thy sight: ^fthat thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

5 ^gBehold, I was shapen in iniquity; ^hand in sin did my mother ⁱconceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth ^jin the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 ^kPurge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be ^lwhiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken ^mmay rejoice.

9 ⁿHide thy face from my sins, and ^oblot out all mine iniquities.

10 ^pCreate in me a clean heart, O God; and renew ^qa right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away ^rfrom thy presence; and take not thy ^sholy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* ^tfree spirit.

13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from ^ubloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* ^vmy tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For ^wthou desirest not sacrifice; ^xelse would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 ^yThe sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with ^zthe sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM LII.

1 *David, condemning the spitefulness of Doeg, prophesieth his destruction.* 6 *The righteous shall rejoice at it.* 8 *David, upon his confidence in God's mercy, giveth thanks.*

To the chief Musician, Maschil, A Psalm of David, * when Doeg the Edomite came and ^atold Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O ^bmighty man? the goodness of God *endureth* continually.

2 ^cThy tongue deviseth mischiefs; ^dlike a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good;

^e Jer. 16. 17.

^f ver. 1.

^g Acts 15. 9. Eph. 2. 10.

^h Or, *a constant spirit.*

ⁱ Gen. 4. 14.

^j Kin. 13. 23.

^k Rom. 8. 9. Eph. 4. 30.

^l 2 Cor. 3. 17.

^m Heb. *bloods.*

ⁿ 2 Sam. 11. 17. & 12. 9.

^o Ps. 35. 28.

^p Num. 15. 27, 30.

^q Ps. 40. 6. & 50. 8.

^r Isai. 1. 11.

^s Jer. 7. 22.

^t Hos. 6. 6.

^u Or, *that I should give it.*

^v Ps. 34. 18.

^w Isai. 57. 15.

^x & 66. 2.

^y Ps. 4. 5. Mal. 3. 3.

^z 1 Sam. 22. 9.

^a Ezek. 22. 9.

^b 1 Sam. 21. 7.

^c Ps. 50. 19.

^d Ps. 57. 4. & 59. 7. & 64. 3.

^b Eccles. 8. 11, 12. Isai. 26. 10. & 57. 11. ^c See Rom. 2. 4. ^d Ps. 90. 8.

^e Job 8. 13. Ps. 9. 17. Isai. 51. 13.

^f Ps. 27. 6. Rom. 12. 1.

^g Gal. 6. 16.

^h Heb. *that dis-
proveh his
way.*

ⁱ cir. 1034. ^j 2 Sam. 12. 1. & 11. 2, 4.

^a ver. 9. Isai. 43. 25. & 44. 22. Col. 2. 14.

^b Hebr. 9. 14. 1 John 1. 7, 9. Rev. 1. 5.

^c Ps. 32. 5. & 38. 18.

^d Gen. 20. 6. & 39. 9. Lev. 5. 19. & 6. 2.

^e 2 Sam. 12. 13.

^f Luke 15. 21.

^g Rom. 3. 4.

^h Job 14. 4.

ⁱ Ps. 58. 3.

^j John 3. 6.

^k Rom. 5. 12.

^l Eph. 2. 3.

^m Job 14. 4.

ⁿ Heb. *warm
me.*

^o Job 38. 36.

^p Lev. 14. 4, 6,

^q 49.

^r Num. 19. 18.

^s Hebr. 9. 19.

^t Isai. 1. 18.

^u Matt. 5. 4.

^d Jer. 9. 4, 5.

and ^dlying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

^a Or, and the deceitful tongue.³ Heb. beat thee down.^e Prov. 2. 22.^f Job 22. 19. Ps. 37. 34. & 40. 3. & 64. 9. Mal. 1. 5.^g Ps. 58. 10.^h Ps. 49. 6.ⁱ Or, substance.^j Jer. 11. 16. Hos. 14. 6.^k Ps. 54. 6.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, ²O thou deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise ³destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place, and ^eroot thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

6 ^fThe righteous also shall see, and fear, ^gand shall laugh at him :

7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength ; but ^htrusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his ⁱwickedness.

8 But I *am* ^jlike a green olive tree in the house of God : I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it* : and I will wait on thy name ; ^kfor *it is* good before thy saints.

PSALM LIII.

1 *David describeth the corruption of a natural man.* 4 *He convinceth the wicked by the light of their own conscience.* 6 *He glorieth in the salvation of God.*

To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David.

^a Ps. 10. 4. & 14. 1, &c.^b Rom. 3. 10.^c Ps. 33. 13.^d 2 Chron. 15. 2. & 19. 3.^e Jer. 4. 22.^f Lev. 26. 17, 36. Prov. 28. 1.^g Heb. they feared a fear, Ps. 14. 5.^h Ezek. 6. 5.

THE ^afool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity : ^b*there is* none that doeth good.

2 God ^clooked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did ^dseek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back : they are altogether become filthy ; *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity ^eno knowledge ? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread : they have not called upon God.

5 ^fThere ^gwere they in great fear, *where* no fear was : for God hath ^hscattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee : thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 ^h²Oh that the salvation of Israel *were* come out of Zion ! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM LIV.

1 *David, complaining of the Ziphims, prayeth for salvation.* 4 *Upon his confidence in God's help he promiseth sacrifice.*

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David, * when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us ?

SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God ; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For ^astrangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul : they have not set God before them. Selah.

4 Behold, God *is* mine helper : ^bthe Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto ³mine enemies : cut them off ^cin thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee : I will praise thy name, O LORD ; ^dfor *it is* good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble : ^eand mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

PSALM LV.

1 *David in his prayer complaineth of his fearful case.* 9 *He prayeth against his enemies, of whose wickedness and treachery he complaineth.* 16 *He comforteth himself in God's preservation of him, and confusion of his enemies.*

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God ; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me : I ^amourn in my complaint, and make a noise ;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked : ^bfor they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 ^cMy heart is sore pained within

^h Ps. 14. 7.² Heb. Who will give salvations, &c.^{* 1} Sam. 23. 19. & 26. 1.^a Ps. 86. 14.^b Ps. 118. 7.³ Heb. those that observe me, Ps. 5. 8.^c Ps. 89. 49.^d Ps. 52. 9.^e Ps. 59. 10. & 92. 11.

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^a Isai. 38. 14.^{b 2} Sam. 16. 7, 8. & 19. 19.^c Ps. 116. 3.

	me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.	him: ² he hath broken his covenant.	^a Heb. <i>he hath profaned.</i>
^a Heb. <i>covered me.</i>	5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath ² overwhelmed me.	21 ^p <i>The words</i> of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war <i>was</i> in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet <i>were</i> they drawn swords.	^p Ps. 28. 3. & 57. 4. & 62. 4. & 64. 3. Prov. 5. 3, 4. & 12. 18.
	6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! <i>for then</i> would I fly away, and be at rest.	22 ^q Cast thy ³ burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: ^r he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.	^q Ps. 37. 5. Matt. 6. 25. Luke 12. 22. 1 Pet. 5. 7.
	7 Lo, <i>then</i> would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.	23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: ^s <i>bloody and deceitful men</i> ^{5t} shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.	^r Or, <i>gift.</i> ^s Ps. 37. 24. ^t Ps. 5. 6.
^d Jer. 6. 7.	8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm <i>and</i> tempest.		^u Heb. <i>men of bloods and deceit.</i> ^v Heb. <i>shall not half their days.</i> ^w Job 15. 32. Prov. 10. 27. Eccles. 7. 17.
	9 Destroy, O Lord, <i>and</i> divide their tongues: for I have seen ^d violence and strife in the city.		
	10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow <i>are</i> in the midst of it.		
	11 Wickedness <i>is</i> in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.	PSALM LVI.	
^a Ps. 41. 9.	12 ^o For <i>it was</i> not an enemy <i>that</i> reproached me; then I could have borne <i>it</i> : neither <i>was it</i> he that hated me <i>that</i> did ^f magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:	1 David, praying to God in confidence of his word, complaineth of his enemies. 2 He professeth his confidence in God's word, and promiseth to praise him.	
^a Ps. 35. 26. & 38. 16.	13 But <i>it was</i> thou, ³ a man mine equal, ^g my guide, and mine acquaintance.	To the chief Musician upon Jonath-elem-rechokim, ⁶ Michtam of David, when the [*] Philistines took him in Gath.	^a Or, <i>A golden Psalm of David.</i> So Ps. 16. [*] 1 Sam. 21. 11. ^b Ps. 57. 1.
^a Heb. <i>a man according to my rank.</i>	14 ⁴ We took sweet counsel together, <i>and</i> ^h walked unto the house of God in company.	BE ^a merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.	⁷ Heb. <i>Mine observers,</i> Ps. 54. 5. ^b Ps. 57. 3.
^a Heb. <i>Who sweetened counsel.</i>	15 Let death scize upon them, <i>and</i> let them ⁱ go down quick into ⁵ hell: for wickedness <i>is</i> in their dwellings, <i>and</i> among them.	2 ⁷ Mine enemies would daily ^b swallow me up: for <i>they be</i> many that fight against me, O thou most High.	
^b Ps. 42. 4.	16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.	3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.	
^c Num. 16. 30.	17 ^k Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.	4 ^c In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; ^d I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.	^c ver. 10, 11. ^d Ps. 118. 6. Isai. 31. 3. Hebr. 13. 6.
^a Or, <i>the grave.</i>	18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle <i>that was</i> against me: for ^l there were many with me.	5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts <i>are</i> against me for evil.	
^a Dan. 6. 10. Luke 18. 1. Acts 3. 1. & 10. 3, 9, 30. 1 Thess. 5. 17.	19 God shall hear, and afflict them, ^m even he that abideth of old. Selah. ⁿ Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.	6 ^o They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, ^f when they wait for my soul.	^e Ps. 59. 3. & 140. 2. ^f Ps. 71. 10.
^a 2 Chron. 32. 7, 8.	20 He hath ⁿ put forth his hands against such as ^o be at peace with	7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in <i>thine</i> anger cast down the people, O God.	
^a Deut. 33. 27.		8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: ^g <i>are they</i> not in thy book?	^g Mal. 3. 16.
^a Or, <i>With whom also there be no changes, yet they fear not God.</i>		9 When I cry <i>unto thee</i> , then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for ^h God <i>is</i> for me.	^h Rom. 8. 31.
^a Acts 12. 1.			
^a Ps. 7. 4.			

^a Heb. *covered me.*^d Jer. 6. 7.^o Ps. 41. 9.^f Ps. 35. 26. & 38. 16.^a Heb. *a man according to my rank.*^g 2 Sam. 15. 12. & 16. 23. Ps. 41. 9. Jer. 9. 4.^h Heb. *Who sweetened counsel.*ⁱ Ps. 42. 4.^l Num. 16. 30.^o Or, *the grave.*^{*} Dan. 6. 10. Luke 18. 1. Acts 3. 1. & 10. 3, 9, 30. 1 Thess. 5. 17.¹ 2 Chron. 32. 7, 8.^m Deut. 33. 27.ⁿ Or, *With whom also there be no changes, yet they fear not God.*^o Acts 12. 1.^o Ps. 7. 4.

¹ ver. 4.

10 ¹In God will I praise *his* word :
in the LORD will I praise *his* word.

11 In God have I put my trust : I
will not be afraid what man can do
unto me.

12 Thy vows *are* upon me, O God :
I will render praises unto thee.

^k Ps. 116. 8.

13 For ^kthou hast delivered my
soul from death : *wilt* not thou *de-*
liver my feet from falling, that I
may walk before God in ¹the light
of the living ?

¹ Job 33. 30.

PSALM LVII.

¹ David in prayer fleeing unto God complain-
eth of his dangerous case. ⁷ He encourageth
himself to praise God.

To the chief Musician, ²Al-taschith, Michtam
of David, *when he fled from Saul in the
cave.

^a Or, *Destroy*
not, A golden
Psalm.^{*} 1 Sam. 22. 1.
& 24. 3.
Ps. 142, title.^a Ps. 56. 1.^b Ps. 17. 8.
& 63. 7.^c Isai. 26. 20.

BE ^amerciful unto me, O God,
be merciful unto me : for my
soul trusteth in thee : ^byea, in the
shadow of thy wings will I make
my refuge, ^cuntil *these* calamities be
overpast.

² I will cry unto God most high ;
unto God ^dthat performeth *all things*
for me.

^d Ps. 138. 8.^e Ps. 144. 5, 7.² Or, *he re-*
proacheth
him that
would swal-
low me up.^f Ps. 56. 1.^g Ps. 40. 11. &
43. 3. & 61. 7.^h Prov. 30. 14.ⁱ Ps. 55. 21. &
64. 3.^k ver. 11.
Ps. 108. 5.¹ Ps. 7. 15, 16.
& 9. 15.^m Ps. 108. 1, &c.⁴ Or, *prepared.*ⁿ Ps. 16. 9. &
30. 12. &
108. 1, 2.^o Ps. 108. 3.

³ ^eHe shall send from heaven, and
save me ³from the reproach of him
that would ^fswallow me up. Selah.
God ^gshall send forth his mercy
and his truth.

⁴ My soul *is* among lions : *and* I
lie *even* among them that are set on
fire, *even* the sons of men, ^hwhose
teeth *are* spears and arrows, and
ⁱtheir tongue a sharp sword.

⁵ ^kBe thou exalted, O God, above
the heavens ; *let* thy glory *be* above
all the earth.

⁶ ¹They have prepared a net for
my steps ; my soul is bowed down :
they have digged a pit before me,
into the midst whereof they are
fallen *themselves*. Selah.

⁷ ^mMy heart is ⁴fixed, O God, my
heart is fixed : I will sing and give
praise.

⁸ Awake up, ⁿmy glory ; awake,
psaltery and harp : I *myself* will
awake early.

⁹ ^oI will praise thee, O Lord,

among the people : I will sing unto
thee among the nations.

¹⁰ ^pFor thy mercy *is* great unto
the heavens, and thy truth unto the
clouds.

¹¹ ^aBe thou exalted, O God, above
the heavens : *let* thy glory *be* above
all the earth.

^p Ps. 36. 5. &
71. 19. & 103.
11. & 108. 4.^q ver. 5.

PSALM LVIII.

¹ David reproveth wicked judges, ³ describeth
the nature of the wicked, ⁶ devoteth them to
God's judgments, ¹⁰ whereat the righteous
shall rejoice.

To the chief Musician, ²* Al-taschith, Michtam
of David.

² Or, *Destroy*
not, A golden
Psalm of
David.^{*} Ps. 57, title.

DO ye indeed speak righteous-
ness, O congregation ? do ye
judge uprightly, O ye sons of men ?

² Yea, in heart ye work wicked-
ness ; ^aye weigh the violence of your
hands in the earth.

^a Ps. 94. 20.
Isai. 10. 1.

³ ^bThe wicked are estranged from
the womb : they go astray ³as soon
as they be born, speaking lies.

^b Ps. 51. 5.
Isai. 48. 8.³ Heb. *from*
the belly.

⁴ ^cTheir poison *is* ⁴like the poison
of a serpent : *they are* like ^dthe deaf
⁵adder *that* stoppeth her ear ;

^c Ps. 140. 3.
Eccles. 10. 11.⁴ Heb. *accord-*
ing to the
likeness.^d Jer. 8. 17.

⁵ Which will not hearken to the
voice of charmers, ^echarming never
so wisely.

^e Or, *asp.*⁶ Or, *be the*
charmer
never so
cunning.^g Job 4. 10.
Ps. 3. 7.

⁶ ^eBreak their teeth, O God, in
their mouth : break out the great
teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

^f Josh. 7. 5.
Ps. 112. 10.

⁷ ^fLet them melt away as waters
which run continually : *when* he
bendeth *his bow to shoot* his arrows,
let them be as cut in pieces.

⁸ As a snail *which* melteth, let
every one of them pass away : ⁸*like*
the untimely birth of a woman, *that*
they may not see the sun.

^g Job 3. 16.
Eccles. 6. 3.

⁹ Before your pots can feel the
thorns, he shall take them away
^has with a whirlwind, ⁷both living,
and in *his* wrath.

^h Prov. 10. 25.⁷ Heb. *as lie-*
ing as wrath.

¹⁰ ⁱThe righteous shall rejoice when
he seeth the vengeance : ^khe shall
wash his feet in the blood of the
wicked.

ⁱ Ps. 52. 6.
& 64. 10. &
107. 42.^k Ps. 68. 23.

¹¹ ¹So that a man shall say, Verily
there is ⁸a reward for the righteous :
verily he is a God that ^mjudgeth
in the earth.

¹ Ps. 92. 15.⁸ Heb. *fruit*
of the, &c.
Isai. 3. 10.^m Ps. 67. 4. &
96. 13. & 98. 9.

PSALM LIX.

1 David prayeth to be delivered from his enemies. 6 He complaineth of their cruelty. 8 He trusteth in God. 11 He prayeth against them. 16 He praiseth God.

To the chief Musician, *Al-taschith, Michtam of David; *when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

DELIVER *me from mine enemies, O my God: 3 defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: b the mighty are gathered against me; c not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault: d awake e to help me, and behold.

5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

6 f They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: g swords are in their lips: for h who, say they, doth hear?

8 But i thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: j for God is k my defence.

10 The God of my mercy shall l prevent me: God shall let m me see my desire upon n mine enemies.

11 o Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 p For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 q Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and r let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

14 And s at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them t wander up and down u for meat, v and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, w O my strength, will I sing: x for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

PSALM LX.

1 David, complaining to God of former judgment, 4 now, upon better hope, prayeth for deliverance. 6 Comforting himself in God's promises, he craveth that help whereon he trusteth.

To the chief Musician *upon Shushan-eduth, y Michtam of David, to teach; *when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

O GOD, z thou hast cast us off, thou hast a scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: b heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 c Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: d thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 e Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

5 f That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath g spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will h divide i Shechem, and mete out k the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; l Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; m Judah is my law-giver;

8 n Moab is my washpot; o over Edom will I cast out my shoe:

q ver. 6.

r Job 15. 23. Ps. 109. 10.

s Heb. to eat.

t Or, if they be not satisfied, then they will stay all night.

u Ps. 18. 1.

v ver. 9, 10.

* Or, Destroy not, A golden Psalm of David.

* Ps. 57, title.

* 1 Sam. 19. 11.

* Ps. 18. 48.

* Heb. set me on high.

b Ps. 56. 6.

c 1 Sam. 24. 11.

d Ps. 35. 23. & 44. 23.

e Heb. to meet me.

f ver. 14.

g Ps. 57. 4. Prov. 12. 18.

h Ps. 10. 11, 13. & 64. 5. & 73. 11. & 94. 7.

i 1 Sam. 19. 16. Ps. 2. 4.

j ver. 17.

k Ps. 62. 2.

l Heb. my high place.

m Ps. 21. 3.

n Ps. 54. 7. & 92. 11. & 112. 8.

o Heb. mine observers, Ps. 56. 2.

p So Gen. 4. 12, 15.

q Prov. 12. 13. & 18. 7.

r Ps. 7. 9.

s Ps. 83. 18.

* Ps. 80.

* Or, A golden Psalm.

* 2 Sam. 8. 3, 13.

1 Chron. 18. 3, 12.

cir. 1040.

* Ps. 44. 9.

b Heb. broken.

b 2 Chron. 7. 14.

c Ps. 71. 20.

d Isai. 51. 17, 22.

Jer. 25. 15.

* Ps. 20. 5.

f Ps. 108. 6, &c.

g Ps. 89. 35.

h Josh. 1. 6.

i Gen. 12. 6.

k Josh. 13. 27.

l See Deut. 33. 17.

m Gen. 49. 10.

n 2 Sam. 8. 2.

o 2 Sam. 8. 14. Ps. 108. 9.

^f 2 Sam. 8. 1.
^a Or, *triumph thou over me*: (by an irony :) See Ps. 108. 9.
^b Heb. *city of strength*?
 2 Sam. 11. 1. & 12. 26.
^c ver. 1.
 Ps. 44. 9. & 108. 11.
^d Josh. 7. 12.

^e Ps. 118. 8. & 146. 3.
^f Heb. *salvation*.
^g Num. 24. 18. 1 Chron. 19. 13.
^h Isai. 63. 3.

^p Philistia, ^q triumph thou because of me.

⁹ Who will bring me *into* the ^r strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

¹⁰ Wilt not thou, O God, *which* ^s hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst ^t not go out with our armies?

¹¹ Give us help from trouble: for ^u vain is the ^v help of man.

¹² Through God ^w we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall ^x tread down our enemies.

PSALM LXI.

¹ David fleeth to God upon his former experience. ⁴ He voweth perpetual service unto him, because of his promises.

To the chief Musician upon Neginah,
 A Psalm of David.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

² From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that is higher than I*.

³ For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* ^a a strong tower from the enemy.

⁴ ^b I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: ^c I will ^d trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

⁵ For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

⁶ ^e Thou wilt prolong the king's life: *and* his years ^f as many generations.

⁷ He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy ^g and truth, *which* may preserve him.

⁸ So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM LXII.

¹ David professing his confidence in God discourageth his enemies. ⁵ In the same confidence he encourageth the godly. ⁹ No trust is to be put in worldly things. ¹¹ Power and mercy belong to God.

To the chief Musician, to * Jeduthun,
 A Psalm of David.

¹ **T**RULY ^a my soul ^b waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation.

² ^b He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *he is* my ^c defence; ^c I shall not be greatly moved.

³ How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: ^d as a bowing wall *shall ye be*, *and as* a tottering fence.

⁴ They only consult to cast *him* down from his excellency: they delight in lies: ^e they bless with their mouth, but they curse ^f inwardly. Selah.

⁵ ^f My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation *is* from him.

⁶ He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved.

⁷ ^g In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God.

⁸ Trust in him at all times; ye people, ^h pour out your heart before him: God *is* ⁱ a refuge for us. Selah.

⁹ ^k Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* ^l altogether *lighter* than vanity.

¹⁰ Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: ^m if riches increase, set not your heart *upon them*.

¹¹ God hath spoken ⁿ once; twice have I heard this; that ^o power *belongeth* unto God.

¹² Also unto thee, O Lord, *belongeth* ^p mercy: for ^q thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM LXIII.

¹ David's thirst for God. ⁴ His manner of blessing God. ⁹ His confidence of his enemies' destruction, and his own safety.

A Psalm of David, * when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

O GOD, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: ^a my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and ^b thirsty land, ^c where no water is;

^d Or, *Only*.
^e Ps. 33. 20.
^f Heb. *is silent*,
 Ps. 65. 1.

^g ver. 6.
^h Heb. *high place*,
 Ps. 59. 9, 17.
ⁱ Ps. 37. 24.

^j Isai. 30. 13.

^k Ps. 28. 3.
^l Heb. *in their inward parts*.

^m ver. 1, 2.

ⁿ Jer. 3. 23.

^o 1 Sam. 1. 15.
 Ps. 42. 4.
 Lam. 2. 19.
^p Ps. 18. 2.
^q Ps. 39. 5, 11.
 Isai. 40. 15, 17.
 Rom. 3. 4.
^r Or, *alike*.

^s Job 31. 25.
 Ps. 52. 7.
 Luke 12. 15.
 1 Tim. 6. 17.
^t Job 33. 14.
^u Rev. 19. 1.
^v Or, *strength*.
^w Ps. 86. 15.
 & 103. 8.
 Dan. 9. 9.
^x Job 34. 11.
 Prov. 24. 12.
 Jer. 32. 19.
 Ezek. 7. 27.
 & 33. 20.
 Matt. 16. 27.
 Rom. 2. 6.
 1 Cor. 3. 8.
 2 Cor. 5. 10.
 Eph. 6. 8.
 Col. 3. 25.
 1 Pet. 1. 17.
 Rev. 22. 12.

^y 1 Sam. 22. 5.
 & 23. 14, 15, 16.

^z Ps. 42. 2. & 84. 2. & 143. 6.

^{aa} Heb. *weary*.
^{ab} Heb. *without water*.

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 * 1 Chron. 25. 1, 3.

^b See 1 Sam. 4.
21. 1 Chron.
16. 11.
^c Ps. 27. 4. &
78. 61.
^c Ps. 30. 5.

2 To see ^bthy power and thy glory,
so *as* I have seen thee in the sanc-
tuary.

8 ^cBecause thy lovingkindness *is*
better than life, my lips shall praise
thee.

^d Ps. 104. 33.
& 146. 2.

4 Thus will I bless thee ^dwhile I
live: I will lift up my hands in thy
name.

^e Ps. 36. 8.

^f Heb. *fatness*.

5 My soul shall be ^esatisfied as
with ^fmarrow and fatness; and my
mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful
lips:

^f Ps. 42. 8.
& 119. 55. &
149. 5.

6 When ^fI remember thee upon
my bed, *and* meditate on thee in
the *night* watches.

^g Ps. 61. 4.

7 Because thou hast been my help,
therefore ^gin the shadow of thy
wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after
thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those *that* seek my soul, to
destroy *it*, shall go into the lower
parts of the earth.

^h Heb. *They
shall make
him run out
like water by
the hands of
the sword.*

10 ^hThey shall fall by the sword:
they shall be a portion for foxes.

ⁱ Ezek. 35. 5.
^j Deut. 6. 13.
Isai. 45. 23.
& 65. 16.
Zeph. 1. 5.

11 But the king shall rejoice in
God; ⁱevery one that sweareth by
him shall glory: but the mouth
of them that speak lies shall be
stopped.

PSALM LXIV.

1 *David prayeth for deliverance, complaining
of his enemies. 7 He promiseth himself to
see such an evident destruction of his enemies,
as the righteous shall rejoice at it.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my
prayer: preserve my life from
fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel
of the wicked; from the insurrec-
tion of the workers of iniquity:

^k Ps. 11. 2.
& 57. 4.
^l Ps. 58. 7.
Jer. 9. 3.

8 ^kWho whet their tongue like a
sword, ^land bend *their bows to shoot*
their arrows, *even* bitter words:

4 That they may shoot in secret at
the perfect: suddenly do they shoot
at him, and fear not.

^m See Prov. 1.
11.

ⁿ Or, *speech*.

^o Heb. *to hide
snares.*

^p Ps. 10. 11.
& 59. 7.

5 ^mThey encourage themselves *in*
an evil ⁿmatter: they commune ^oof
laying snares privily; ^pthey say,
Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquities; ^qthey
accomplish ^qa diligent search: both
the inward *thought* of every one of
them, and the heart, *is* deep.

7 ^qBut God shall shoot at them
with an arrow; suddenly ^rshall they
be wounded.

8 So they shall make ^rtheir own
tongue to fall upon themselves: ^sall
that see them shall flee away.

9 ^hAnd all men shall fear, and
shall ⁱdeclare the work of God; for
they shall wisely consider of his
doing.

10 ^kThe righteous shall be glad in
the LORD, and shall trust in him;
and all the upright in heart shall
glory.

^q Or, *we are
consumed by
that which
they have
thoroughly
searched.*

^r Heb. *a search
sought.*

^s Ps. 7. 12, 13.

^t Heb. *their
wound shall
be.*

^u Prov. 12. 13.
& 18. 7.

^v Ps. 31. 11.
& 52. 6.

^w Ps. 40. 3.

^x Jer. 50. 28.
& 51. 10.

^y Ps. 32. 11. &
58. 10. & 68. 3.

PSALM LXV.

1 *David praiseth God for his grace. 4 The
blessedness of God's chosen by reason of be-
nefits.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song
of David.

PRAISE ^qwaiteth for thee, O
God, in Sion: and unto thee
shall the vow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer, ^runto
thee shall all flesh come.

3 ^bIniquities prevail against me:
as for our transgressions, thou shalt
^cpurge them away.

4 ^dBlessed *is the man whom* thou
^echoosest, and causest to approach
unto thee, that he may dwell in thy
courts: ^fwe shall be satisfied with
the goodness of thy house, *even* of
thy holy temple.

5 *By* terrible things in righteous-
ness wilt thou answer us, O God
of our salvation; *who art* the con-
fidence of ^gall the ends of the earth,
and of them that are afar off *upon*
the sea:

6 Which by his strength setteth
fast the mountains; ^hbeing girded
with power:

7 ⁱWhich stilleth the noise of the
seas, the noise of their waves, ^kand
the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the ut-
termost parts are afraid at thy
tokens: thou makest the outgoings

^q Heb. *is silent*,
Ps. 62. 1.

^r Isai. 66. 23.

^s Ps. 38. 4. &
40. 12.

^t Heb. *Words,
or, Matters
of iniquities.*

^u Ps. 51. 2. &
79. 9.

Isai. 6. 7.

Hebr. 9. 14.

1 John 1. 7, 9.

^v Ps. 33. 12.
& 84. 4.

^w Ps. 4. 3.

^x Ps. 36. 8.

^y Ps. 22. 27.

^z Ps. 93. 1.

^{aa} Ps. 89. 9. &
107. 29.
Matt. 8. 26.

^{ab} Ps. 76. 10.
Isai. 17. 12, 13.

² Or, to sing.¹ Deut. 11. 12.³ Or, after thou hadst made it to desire rain.^m Ps. 68. 9, 10. & 104. 13. Jer. 5. 24.ⁿ Ps. 46. 4.⁴ Or, thou causest rain to descend into the furrows thereof.⁵ Heb. thou dissolvest it.⁶ Heb. the year of thy goodness.⁷ Heb. are girded with joy.⁸ Isai. 55. 12.

of the morning and evening ² to rejoice.

⁹ Thou ¹ visitest the earth, and ^{3m} waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it ⁿ with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

¹⁰ Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: ⁴ thou settlest the furrows thereof: ⁵ thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

¹¹ Thou crownest ⁶ the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

¹² They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills ⁷ rejoice on every side.

¹³ The pastures are clothed with flocks; ⁸ the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM LXVI.

¹ David exhorteth to praise God, ⁵ to observe his great works, ⁸ to bless him for his gracious benefits. ¹² He voweth for himself religious service to God. ¹⁶ He declareth God's special goodness to himself.

To the chief Musician, A Song or Psalm.

^a **M**AKE a joyful noise unto God, ⁸ all ye lands:

² Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

³ Say unto God, How ^b terrible art thou in thy works! ⁶ through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies ^{9 2} submit themselves unto thee.

^{4 d} All the earth shall worship thee, and ⁶ shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

⁵ Come and see the works of God: *he is terrible in his* doing toward the children of men.

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land: ^h they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

⁷ He ruleth by his power for ever; ⁱ his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

⁸ O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

⁹ Which ² holdeth our soul in life, and ^k suffereth not our feet to be moved.

¹⁰ For ¹ thou, O God, hast proved us: ^m thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

¹¹ ⁿ Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

¹² ^o Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; ^p we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a ³ wealthy place.

¹³ ^q I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: ^r I will pay thee my vows,

¹⁴ Which my lips have ⁴ uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of ⁵ fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

¹⁶ Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

¹⁷ I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

¹⁹ But verily God ^u hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰ Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSALM LXVII.

¹ A prayer for the enlargement of God's kingdom, ³ to the joy of the people, ⁶ and the increase of God's blessings.

To the chief Musician on Neginoth,
A Psalm or Song.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and ^a cause his face to shine ⁶ upon us; Selah.

² That ^b thy way may be known upon earth, ⁶ thy saving health among all nations.

^a Heb. putteth.^k Ps. 121. 3.¹ Ps. 17. 3.

Isai. 48. 10.

^m Zech. 13. 9.¹ Pet. 1. 6, 7.ⁿ Lam. 1. 13.^o Isai. 51. 23.^p Isai. 43. 2.³ Heb. moist.^q Ps. 100. 4. &

116. 14, 17,

18, 19.

^r Eccles. 5. 4.⁴ Heb. opened.⁵ Heb. marrow.^a Ps. 34. 11.^t Job 27. 9.

Prov. 15. 29.

& 28. 9.

Isai. 1. 15.

John 9. 31.

Jam. 4. 3.

^u Ps. 116. 1, 2.^a Num. 6. 25.

Ps. 4. 6.

& 31. 16. &

80. 3, 7, 19. &

119. 135.

⁶ Heb. with us.^b Acts 18. 25.^c Luke 2. 30, 31.

Tit. 2. 11.

^d Ps. 66. 4.

3 ^d Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

^e Ps. 96. 10, 13.

& 98. 9.

^f Heb. *lead*.

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for ^ethou shalt judge the people righteously, and ²govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

^f Lev. 26. 4.^g Ps. 85. 12.

Ezek. 34. 27.

6 ^f Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.

^g Ps. 22. 27.

7 God shall bless us; and ^gall the ends of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM LXVIII.

1 *A prayer at the removing of the ark.* 4 *An exhortation to praise God for his mercies,* 7 *for his care of the church,* 19 *for his great works.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David.

^h Num. 10. 35.

Isai. 33. 3.

ⁱ Heb. *from his face*.^j Isai. 9. 18.

Hos. 13. 3.

^k Ps. 97. 5.

Mic. 1. 4.

LET ^aGod arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee ³before him.

2 ^bAs smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them* away: ^cas wax melteth before the fire, *so* let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

^d Ps. 32. 11.

& 58. 10. & 64. 10.

^e Heb. *rejoice with gladness*.^f Ps. 66. 4.^g Deut. 33. 26.

vor. 33.

^h Ex. 6. 3.

3 But ^dlet the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them ⁴exceedingly rejoice.

4 ^aSing unto God, sing praises to his name: ^fextol him that rideth upon the heavens ^gby his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

^h Ps. 10. 14, 18.

& 146. 9.

5 ^hA father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation.

ⁱ 1 Sam. 2. 5.

Ps. 113. 9.

^j Heb. *in a house*.^k Ps. 107. 10, 14.

& 146. 7.

Acts 12. 6, &c.

^l Ps. 107. 34, 40.^m Ex. 13. 21.

Judg. 4. 14.

Hab. 3. 13.

6 ⁱGod setteth the solitary ⁵in families: ^khe bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but ^lthe rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

7 O God, ^mwhen thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:

ⁿ Ex. 19. 16, 18.

Judg. 5. 4.

Isai. 64. 1, 3.

8 ⁿThe earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

^o Deut. 11. 11, 12.

Ezek. 34. 26.

^p Heb. *shake out*.^q Heb. *confirm it*.

9 ^oThou, O God, didst ^esend a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst ⁷confirm thine inheritance, when it *was weary*.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: ^pthou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

^p Deut. 26. 5, 9.

Ps. 74. 19.

11 The Lord gave the word: great *was* the ²company of those that published *it*.

^q Heb. *army*.

12 ^qKings of armies ³did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

^r Num. 31. 8,

9, 54.

Josh. 10. 16.

& 12. 8.

^s Heb. *did flee, did flee*.^t Ps. 81. 6.^u Ps. 105. 37.

13 ^rThough ye have lien among the pots, ^s*yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

14 ^tWhen the Almighty scattered kings ⁴in it, it was *white* as snow in Salmon.

^v Num. 21. 3.

Josh. 10. 10.

& 12. 1, &c.

^w Or, *for her, she was*.

15 The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan; an high hill *as* the hill of Bashan.

16 ^uWhy leap ye, ye high hills? ^x*this is* the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.

^x Ps. 114. 4, 6.^y Deut. 12. 5,

11.

1 Kin. 9. 3.

Ps. 87. 1, 2.

& 132. 13, 14.

^z Deut. 33. 2.

2 Kin. 6. 16,

17.

Dan. 7. 10.

Hebr. 12. 22.

Rev. 9. 16.

^{aa} Or, *even many thousands*.^{ab} Acts 1. 9.

Eph. 4. 8.

^{ac} Judg. 5. 12.^{ad} Acts 2. 4, 33.^{ae} Heb. *in the man*.^{af} 1 Tim. 1. 13.^{ag} Ps. 78. 60.

17 ^yThe chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, ⁵*even* thousands of angels: the Lord *is* among them, *as* in Sinai, in the holy *place*.

18 ^zThou hast ascended on high, ^athou hast led captivity captive: ^bthou hast received gifts ⁶for men; yea, *for* ^cthe rebellious also, ^dthat the LORD God might dwell *among them*.

^{ah} Heb. *in the man*.^{ai} 1 Tim. 1. 13.^{aj} Ps. 78. 60.

19 Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, *even* the God of our salvation. Selah.

20 *He that is* our God *is* the God of salvation; and ^eunto God the Lord *belong* the issues from death.

^{ak} Deut. 32. 39.

Prov. 4. 23.

Rev. 1. 18.

& 20. 1.

^{al} Ps. 110. 6.

Hab. 3. 13.

^{am} Ps. 55. 23.

21 But ^fGod shall wound the head of his enemies, ⁷*and* the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The Lord said, I will bring ^hagain from Bashan, I will bring *my people* again ⁱfrom the depths of the sea:

^{an} Num. 21. 33.^{ao} Ex. 14. 22.

23 ^kThat thy foot may be ⁷dipped in the blood of *thine* enemies, ^l*and* the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

^{ap} Ps. 58. 10.^{aq} Or, *red*.^{ar} 1 Kin. 21. 19.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God; *even* the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

^m 1 Chron. 13. 8.
& 15. 16.
Ps. 47. 5.

^a Or, ye that
are of the
fountain of
Israel.

ⁿ Deut. 33. 28.
Isai. 48. 1.

^o 1 Sam. 9. 21.

^s Or, with their
company.

^p So Ps. 42. 8.

^q 1 Kin. 10. 10,
24, 25.
2 Chro. 32. 23.
Ps. 72. 10.
& 76. 11.

^r Or, the beasts
of the reeds,
Jer. 51. 32, 33.

^r Ps. 22. 12.

^s 2 Sam. 8. 2, 6.

^s Or, he scat-
tereth.

^t Isai. 19. 19, 21.

^u Ps. 72. 9.

^u Isai. 45. 14.

^u Zeph. 3. 10.

^u Acts 8. 27.

^x Ps. 44. 20.

^y Ps. 18. 10.

^y & 104. 3.

^y ver. 4.

^y Ps. 29. 3, &c.

^y Heb. give.

^y Ps. 29. 1.

^y Or, heavens.

^y Ps. 45. 4. &

^y 65. 5. & 66. 5.

^y & 76. 12.

^y Ps. 45, title.

^y ver. 2, 14, 15.

^y Jonah 2. 5.

^y Ps. 40. 2.

^y Heb. the mire
of depth.

25 ^m The singers went before, the
players on instruments *followed* af-
ter; among *them were* the damsels
playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congrega-
tions, *even* the Lord, ² from ⁿ the
fountain of Israel.

27 There *is* ^o little Benjamin *with*
their ruler, the princes of Judah
³ *and* their council, the princes of
Zebulun, *and* the princes of Naph-
tali.

28 Thy God hath ^p commanded
thy strength: strengthen, O God,
that which thou hast wrought for
us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jeru-
salem ^q shall kings bring presents
unto thee.

30 Rebuke ^r the company of spear-
men, ^r the multitude of the bulls,
with the calves of the people, *till*
every one ^s submit himself with pieces
of silver: ^s scatter thou the people
that delight in war.

31 ^t Princes shall come out of
Egypt; ^u Ethiopia shall soon ^u stretch
out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of
the earth; O sing praises unto the
Lord; Selah:

33 To him ^y that rideth upon the
heavens of heavens, *which were* of
old; lo, ^y he doth ^y send out his voice,
and that a mighty voice.

34 ^y Ascribe ye strength unto God:
his excellency *is* over Israel, and his
strength *is* in the ^y clouds.

35 O God, ^y *thou art* terrible out
of thy holy places: the God of
Israel *is* he that giveth strength
and power unto *his* people. Blessed
be God.

PSALM LXIX.

1 David complaineth of his affliction. 13 He
prayeth for deliverance. 22 He devoteth his
enemies to destruction. 30 He praiseth God
with thanksgiving.

To the chief Musician * upon Shoshannim,
A Psalm of David.

SAVE me, O God; for ^a the waters
are come in unto *my* soul.

2 ^b I sink in ^b deep mire, where

there is no standing: I am come
into ² deep waters, where the floods
overflow me.

3 ^c I am weary of my crying: my
throat is dried: ^d mine eyes fail while
I wait for my God.

4 They that ^e hate me without a
cause are more than the hairs of
mine head: they that would destroy
me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully,
are mighty: then I restored *that*
which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolish-
ness; and my ³ sins are not hid from
thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee,
O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed
for my sake: let not those that seek
thee be confounded for my sake, O
God of Israel.

7 Because for thy sake I have
borne reproach; shame hath cover-
ed my face.

8 ^f I am become a stranger unto
my brethren, and an alien unto my
mother's children.

9 ^g For the zeal of thine house hath
eaten me up; ^h and the reproaches
of them that reproached thee are
fallen upon me.

10 ⁱ When I wept, *and chastened*
my soul with fasting, that was to
my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my gar-
ment; ^k and I became a proverb to
them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak
against me; and ^l I *was* the song of
the ⁴ drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer *is* un-
to thee, O LORD, ^m *in* an acceptable
time: O God, in the multitude of
thy mercy hear me, in the truth of
thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and
let me not sink: ⁿ let me be deliver-
ed from them that hate me, and out
of ^o the deep waters.

15 Let not the waterflood overflow
me, neither let the deep swallow me
up, and let not the pit ^p shut her
mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O LORD; ^q for thy
lovingkindness *is* good: ^r turn unto

^a Heb. *depth*
of waters.

^c Ps. 6. 6.

^d Ps. 119. 82,
123.
Isai. 38. 14.

^e Ps. 35. 19.
John 15. 25.

³ Heb. *guilti-
ness*.

^f Ps. 31. 11.
Isai. 53. 3.
John 1. 11.
& 7. 5.

^g Ps. 119. 139.
John 2. 17.

^h See Ps. 89. 50,
51.
Rom. 15. 3.

ⁱ Ps. 35. 13, 14.

^k 1 Kin. 9. 7.
Jer. 24. 9.

^l Job 30. 9.
Ps. 35. 15, 16.

⁴ Heb. *drink-
ers of strong*
drink.

^m Isai. 49. 8.
& 55. 6.
2 Cor. 6. 2.

ⁿ Ps. 144. 7.

^o ver. 1, 2, 15.

^p Num. 16. 33.

^q Ps. 63. 3.

^r Ps. 25. 16.
& 86. 16.

^a Ps. 27. 9. &
102. 2.

^b Heb. *make
haste to hear
me.*

^c Ps. 22. 6, 7.
Isai. 53. 3.
Hebr. 12. 2.

^d Ps. 142. 4.
Isai. 63. 5.
^e Heb. *to la-
ment with me.*
^f Job 16. 2.

^g Matt. 27. 34,
48.
Mark 15. 23.
John 19. 29.
^h Rom. 11. 9, 10.

ⁱ Isai. 6. 9, 10.
John 12. 39,
40.
Rom. 11. 10.
2 Cor. 3. 14.
^j 1 Thess. 2. 16.

^k Matt. 23. 38.
Acts 1. 20.
^l Heb. *their
palace.*
^m Heb. *let there
not be a
dweller.*

ⁿ See 2 Chron.
28. 9.
Zech. 1. 15.

^o Isai. 53. 4.

^p Heb. *thy
wounded.*

^q Rom. 1. 28.

^r Or, *punish-
ment of ini-
quity.*

^s Isai. 26. 10.
Rom. 9. 31.

^t Ex. 32. 32.
Phil. 4. 3.
Rev. 3. 5.
& 13. 8.

^u Ezek. 13. 9.
Luko 10. 20.
Hebr. 12. 23.

^v Ps. 28. 7.

^w Ps. 50. 13, 14,
23.

^x Ps. 34. 2.

^y Or, *meek.*

^z Ps. 22. 26.

me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

17 And ^ahide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: ^bhear me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known ^cmy reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and ^dI looked *for some* ^eto take pity, but *there was* none; and for ^fcomforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; ^gand in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 ^hLet their table become a snare before them: and *that which should have been for their welfare, let it become* a trap.

23 ⁱLet their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

24 ^jPour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 ^kLet ^ltheir habitation be desolate; and ^mlet none dwell in their tents.

26 For ⁿthey persecute ^ohim whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of ^pthose whom thou hast wounded.

27 ^qAdd ^riniquity unto their iniquity: ^sand let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them ^tbe blotted out of the book of the living, ^uand not be written with the righteous.

29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 ^vI will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 ^w*This* also shall please the LORD better than an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 ^xThe ^yhumble shall see *this*, and be glad: and ^zyour heart shall live that seek God.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not ^ahis prisoners.

34 ^bLet the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, ^cand every thing that ^dmoveth therein.

35 ^eFor God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

36 ^fThe seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSALM LXX.

David soliciteth God to the speedy destruction of the wicked, and preservation of the godly.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David,
^ato bring to remembrance.

MAKE haste, ^aO God, to deliver me; make haste ^bto help me, O LORD.

2 ^bLet them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

3 ^cLet them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

5 ^dBut I *am* poor and needy: ^emake haste unto me, O God: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

PSALM LXXI.

1 David, in confidence of faith, and experience of God's favour, prayeth both for himself, and against the enemies of his soul. 14 He promiseth constancy. 17 He prayeth for perseverance. 19 He praiseth God, and promiseth to do it cheerfully.

IN ^athee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2 ^bDeliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: ^cincline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 ^dBe thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort:

^a Eph. 3. 1.

^b Ps. 96. 11. &
148. 1.
Isai. 44. 23.
& 49. 13.

^c Isai. 55. 12.
^d Heb. *creep-
eth.*

^e Ps. 51. 18.
Isai. 44. 26.

^f Ps. 102. 28.

^g Ps. 38. title.

^h Ps. 40. 13, &c.
& 71. 12.

ⁱ Heb. *to my
help.*

^j Ps. 35. 4, 26.
& 71. 13.

^k Ps. 40. 15.

^l Ps. 40. 17.

^m Ps. 141. 1.

1023.

ⁿ Ps. 25. 2, 3.
& 31. 1.

^o Ps. 31. 1.

^p Ps. 17. 6.

^q Ps. 31. 2, 3.

^r Heb. *Be thou
to me for a
rock of habi-
tation.*

* Ps. 44. 4.

thou hast given ^ocommandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.

† Ps. 140. 1, 4.

4 [†]Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

* Jer. 17. 7, 17.

5 For thou *art* ^gmy hope, O Lord God: *thou art* my trust from my youth.

h Ps. 22. 9, 10.
Isai. 46. 3.

6 ^hBy thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee.

i Isai. 8. 18.
Zech. 3. 8.
1 Cor. 4. 9.

7 ⁱI am as a wonder unto many; but thou *art* my strong refuge.

k Ps. 35. 28.

8 Let ^kmy mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honour all the day.

l ver. 18.

9 ^lCast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

s Heb. *watch*,
or, *observe*.
m 2 Sam. 17. 1.
Matt. 27. 1.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that ²lay wait for my soul ^mtake counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him*.

n Ps. 22. 11, 19.
& 35. 22. &
38. 21, 22.

12 ⁿO God, be not far from me: O my God, ^omake haste for my help.

o Ps. 70. 1.

p ver. 24.
Ps. 35. 4, 26.
& 40. 14. &
70. 2.

13 ^pLet them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

q ver. 8, 24.
Ps. 35. 28.

15 ^qMy mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for ^rI know not the numbers *thereof*.

r Ps. 40. 5. &
139. 17, 18.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

s ver. 9.
s Heb. *unto old*
age and grey
hairs.
t Heb. *thine*
arm.

18 ^sNow also ³when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed ^tthy strength

unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

19 [†]Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: ^uO God, who *is* like unto thee!

† Ps. 57. 10.

u Ps. 35. 10. &
86. 8. & 89. 6, 8.

20 ^x*Thou*, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, ^yshalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

x Ps. 60. 3.

y Hos. 6. 1, 2.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee ²with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou ^aHoly One of Israel.

s Heb. *with the*
instrument of
psaltery.x Ps. 92. 1, 2, 3.
& 150. 3.
a 2 Kin. 19. 22.
Isai. 60. 9.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and ^bmy soul, which thou hast redeemed.

b Ps. 103. 4.

24 ^cMy tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for ^dthey are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, *that* seek my hurt.

c ver. 8, 15.

d ver. 13.

PSALM LXXII.

1 *David, praying for Solomon, sheweth the goodness and glory of his, in type, and in truth, of Christ's kingdom.* 18 *He blesseth God.*

A Psalm ³* for Solomon.

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

s Or, *of*.
* Ps. 127, title.
1015.

2 ^aHe shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

a Isai. 11. 2, 3, 4.
& 32. 1.

3 ^bThe mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

b Ps. 85. 10.
Isai. 32. 17.
& 52. 7.

4 ^cHe shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

c Isai. 11. 4.

5 They shall fear thee ^das long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

d ver. 7, 17.
Ps. 89. 36, 37.

6 ^eHe shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers *that* water the earth.

e 2 Sam. 23. 4.
Hos. 6. 3.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; ^fand abundance of peace ^gso long as the moon endureth.

f Isai. 2. 4.
Dan. 2. 44.
Luke 1. 33.
g Heb. *till*
there be no
moon.

^g See Ex. 23. 31.
1 Kin. 4. 21, 24.
Ps. 2. 8. & 80.
11. & 89. 25.
Zech. 9. 10.

^h Ps. 74. 14.

ⁱ Isai. 49. 23.
Mic. 7. 17.

^k 2 Chron. 9. 21.
Ps. 45. 12.
& 68. 29.
Isai. 49. 7.
& 60. 6, 9.

^l Isai. 49. 22, 23.

^m Job 29. 12.

ⁿ Ps. 116. 15.

^o Heb. one
shall give.

^p 1 Kin. 4. 20.

^q Ps. 89. 36.

^r Heb. shall be.

^s Heb. shall be
as a son to
continue his
father's name
for ever.

^t Gen. 12. 3.
& 22. 18.
Jer. 4. 2.

^u Luke 1. 48.

^v 1 Chro. 29. 10.
Ps. 41. 13. &
106. 48.

^w Ex. 15. 11.
Ps. 77. 14.
& 136. 4.

^x Neh. 9. 5.

^y Num. 14. 21.
Zech. 14. 9.

8 ^g He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 ^h They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; ⁱ and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 ^k The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 ^l Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

12 For he ^m shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and ⁿ precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him ^o shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: ^p and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 ^q His name ^r shall endure for ever: ^s his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and ^t men shall be blessed in him: ^u all nations shall call him blessed.

18 ^v Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, ^w who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And ^x blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: ^y and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

PSALM LXXIII.

1 *The prophet, prevailing in a temptation, 2 sheweth the occasion thereof, the prosperity of the wicked. 13 The wound given thereby, diffidence. 15 The victory over it, knowledge of God's purpose, in destroying of the wicked, and sustaining the righteous.*

^a A Psalm of ^b Asaph.

^c TRULY God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are ^d of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3 ^a For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* ^e firm.

5 ^b They *are* not ^c in trouble *as* other men; neither are they plagued ^d like other men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them ^e as a garment.

7 ^d Their eyes stand out with fatness: ^e they have more than heart could wish.

8 ^e They are corrupt, and ^f speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they ^g speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth ^h against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither: ⁱ and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, ^k How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who ^l prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

13 ^m Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and ⁿ washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and ^o chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

16 ^p When I thought to know this, ^q it *was* too painful for me;

17 Until ^r I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I ^s their end.

18 Surely ^t thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they *brought* into

^a Or, *A Psalm for Asaph.*

^b Ps. 50, title.

^c Or, *Yea.*

^d Heb. *clean of heart.*

^e Job 21. 7.
Ps. 37. 1.
Jer. 12. 1.

^f Heb. *fat.*

^g Job 21. 9.

^h Heb. *in the trouble of other men.*

ⁱ Heb. *with.*

^j So Ps. 109. 18.

^k Job 15. 27.
Ps. 17. 10. &
119. 70.
Jer. 5. 28.

^l Heb. *they pass the thoughts of the heart.*

^m Ps. 53. 1.

ⁿ Hos. 7. 16.

^o 2 Pet. 2. 18.
Jude 16.

^p Rev. 13. 6.

^q Ps. 75. 8.

^r Job 22. 13.
Ps. 10. 11.
& 94. 7.

^s ver. 3.

^t Job 21. 15.
& 34. 9. &
35. 3.

^u Mal. 3. 14.
Ps. 26. 6.

^v Heb. *my chastisement was.*

^w Eccles. 8. 17.

^x Heb. *it was labour in mine eyes.*

^y Ps. 77. 13.

^z Ps. 37. 38.

^{aa} Ps. 35. 6.

^a Job 20. 8.
^a Ps. 90. 5.
Isai. 29. 7, 8.
^b Ps. 78. 65.
^c ver. 3.

^x Ps. 92. 6.
Prov. 30. 2.
^a Heb. *I knew not.*
^b Heb. *with thee.*

^y Ps. 32. 8.
Isai. 58. 8.

^z Phil. 3. 8.

^a Ps. 84. 2. & 119. 81.
^a Heb. *rock.*
^b Ps. 16. 5. & 119. 57.
^c Ps. 119. 155.

^d Ex. 34. 15.
Num. 15. 39.
Jam. 4. 4.
^e Hebr. 10. 22.

^f Ps. 107. 22. & 118. 17.

^a Or, A Psalm for Asaph to give instruction.

^a Ps. 44. 9, 23. & 60. 1, 10. & 77. 7.
Jer. 31. 37. & 33. 24.

^b Deut. 29. 20.
^c Ps. 95. 7. & 100. 3.

^d Ex. 15. 16.
Deut. 9. 29.

^e Or, *tribe.*
^f Deut. 32. 9.
Jer. 10. 16.

^f Lam. 2. 7.

^g Dan. 6. 27.

desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 ^aAs a dream when *one* awaketh; so, O Lord, 'when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was ^ugrieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 ^xSo foolish *was* I, and ^zignorant: I was *as* a beast ³before thee.

23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.

24 ^yThou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

25 ^zWhom have I in heaven *but thee*? and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee.

26 ^aMy flesh and my heart fail-eth: *but* God *is* the ⁴strength of my heart, and ^bmy portion for ever.

27 For, lo, ^cthey that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that ^dgo a whoring from thee.

28 But *it is* good for me to ^edraw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may ^fdeclare all thy works.

PSALM LXXIV.

1 *The prophet complaineth of the desolation of the sanctuary. 10 He moveth God to help in consideration of his power, 18 of his reproachful enemies, of his children, and of his covenant.*

^a Maschil of Asaph.

O GOD, why hast thou ^acast us off for ever? *why* doth thine anger ^bsmoke against ^cthe sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, ^d*which* thou hast purchased of old; the ^erod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; *even* all *that* the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 ^fThine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; ^gthey set up their ensigns *for* signs.

5 *A man* was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 But now they break down ^hthe carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

7 ⁱ²They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled ^k*by casting down* the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.

8 ^lThey said in their hearts, Let us ³destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs: ^m*there is* no more any prophet: neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 ⁿWhy withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy bosom.

12 For ^oGod *is* my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 ^pThou didst ⁴divide the sea by thy strength: ^qthou brakest the heads of the ⁵dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, *and* gavest him ^r*to be* meat ^s*to the* people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 ^tThou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: ^uthou driedst up ⁶mighty rivers.

16 The day *is* thine, the night also *is* thine: ^xthou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast ^yset all the borders of the earth: ^zthou hast ⁷made summer and winter.

18 ^aRemember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* ^bthe foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul ^cof thy turtledove unto the multitude *of the wicked*: ^dforget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 ^eHave respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the

^b 1 Kin. 6. 18, 29, 32, 35.

^l 2 Kin. 25. 9.

^a Heb. *They have sent thy sanctuary into the fire.*

^k Ps. 89. 39.

^l Ps. 83. 4.

³ Heb. *break.*

^m 1 Sam. 3. 1. Amos 8. 11.

ⁿ Lam. 2. 3.

^o Ps. 44. 4.

^p Ex. 14. 21.

^q Heb. *break.*

^r Isai. 51. 9, 10. Ezek. 29. 3. & 32. 2.

^s Or, *whales.*

^t Num. 14. 9.

^u Ps. 72. 9.

^v Ex. 17. 5, 6. Num. 20. 11. Ps. 105. 41. Isai. 48. 21.

^w Josh. 3. 13, &c.

^x Heb. *rivers of strength.*

^y Gen. 1. 14, &c.

^z Acts 17. 26.

^a Gen. 8. 22.

^b Heb. *mude them.*

^c ver. 22.

Rev. 16. 19.

^d Ps. 39. 8.

^e Cant. 2. 14.

^f Ps. 68. 10.

^g Gen. 17. 7, 8. Lev. 26. 44, 45. Ps. 106. 45.

Jer. 33. 21.

earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: 'remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee ²increaseth continually.

PSALM LXXV.

1 *The prophet praiseth God.* 2 *He promiseth to judge uprightly.* 4 *He rebuketh the proud by consideration of God's providence.* 9 *He praiseth God, and promiseth to execute justice.*

To the chief Musician, ³* Al-taschith,
A Psalm or Song ⁴of Asaph.

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

2 ⁵When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, ^aLift not up the horn:

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a stiff neck.

6 For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the ⁶south.

7 But ^bGod *is* the judge: ^che putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8 For ^din the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is ^efull of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: ^fbut the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, and drink *them*.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 ^gAll the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* ^hthe horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM LXXVI.

1 *A declaration of God's majesty in the church.*

11 *An exhortation to serve him reverently.*

To the chief Musician on Neginoth,
A Psalm or Song ²of Asaph.

IN ^aJudah *is* God known: his name *is* great in Israel.

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

3 ^bThere brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent ^cthan the mountains of prey.

5 ^dThe stouthearted are spoiled, ^ethey have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

6 ^fAt thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7 Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared: and ^gwho may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 ^hThou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; ⁱthe earth feared, and was still,

9 When God ^karose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

10 ^lSurely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

11 ^mVow, and pay unto the LORD your God: ⁿlet all that be round about him bring presents ³unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: ^ohe *is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVII.

1 *The psalmist sheweth what fierce combat he had with diffidence.* 10 *The victory which he had by consideration of God's great and gracious works.*

To the chief Musician, ^{*}to Jeduthun,
A Psalm ⁴of Asaph.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

2 ^bIn the day of my trouble I ^csought the Lord: ^dmy sore ran in

² Or, *for Asaph.*

^a Ps. 48. 1, &c.

^b Ps. 46. 9.
Ezek. 39. 9.

^c Ezek. 38. 12,
13. & 39. 4.

^d Isai. 46. 12.

^e Ps. 13. 3.
Jer. 51. 39.

^f Ex. 15. 1, 21.
Ezek. 39. 20.
Nah. 2. 13.
Zech. 12. 4.

^g Nah. 1. 6.

^h Ezek. 38. 20.

ⁱ 2 Chron. 20.
29, 30.

^k Ps. 9. 7, 8, 9.
& 72. 4.

^l See Ex. 9. 16.
& 18. 11.
Ps. 65. 7.

^m Eccles. 5. 4,
5, 6.

ⁿ 2 Chron. 32.
22, 23.
Ps. 68. 29.
& 89. 7.

³ Hob. *to fear.*

^o Ps. 68. 35.

^{*} Ps. 39, & 62,
title.

⁴ Or, *for Asaph.*

^a Ps. 3. 4.

^b Ps. 50. 15.

^c Isai. 26. 9, 16.

^d Hob. *my hand.*

^f ver. 18.
Ps. 89. 51.

^g Heb. *ascend-
eth,*
Jonah 1. 2.

³ Or, *Destroy
not.*

^{*} Ps. 57, title.

⁴ Or, *for
Asaph.*

⁵ Or, *When I
shall take a
set time.*

^a Zech. 1. 21.

⁶ Hob. *desert.*

^b Ps. 50. 6.
& 58. 11.

^c 1 Sam. 2. 7.
Dan. 2. 21.

^d Job 21. 20.
Ps. 60. 3.
Jer. 25. 15.
Rev. 14. 10.
& 16. 19.

^e Prov. 23. 30.

^f Ps. 73. 10.

^g Ps. 101. 8.
Jer. 48. 25.

^h Ps. 89. 17. &
148. 14.

the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

³ I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and ^dmy spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

⁴ Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

⁵ ^oI have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

⁶ I call to remembrance ^fmy song in the night: ^gI commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

⁷ ^hWill the Lord cast off for ever? and will he ⁱbe favourable no more?

⁸ Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth ^khis promise fail ²for evermore?

⁹ Hath God ^lforgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

¹⁰ And I said, This *is* ^mmy infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High.

¹¹ ⁿI will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

¹² I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

¹³ ^oThy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: ^pwho *is* so great a God as *our* God?

¹⁴ Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

¹⁵ ^qThou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

¹⁶ ^rThe waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

¹⁷ ³The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: ^sthine arrows also went abroad.

¹⁸ The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: ^tthe lightnings lightened the world: ^uthe earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹ ^xThy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, ^yand thy footsteps are not known.

²⁰ ^zThou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM LXXVIII.

¹ An exhortation both to learn and to preach the law of God. ⁹ The story of God's wrath against the incredulous and disobedient. ⁶⁷ The Israelites being rejected, God chose Judah, Zion, and David.

* ² Maschil of Asaph.

^a **G**IVE ear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

² ^bI will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

³ ^cWhich we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

⁴ ^dWe will not hide *them* from their children, ^eshewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

⁵ For ^fhe established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, ^gthat they should make them known to their children:

⁶ ^hThat the generation to come might know *them*, *even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:

⁷ That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

⁸ And ⁱmight not be as their fathers, ^ka stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation ³¹*that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

⁹ The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, *and* ^lcarrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

¹⁰ ^mThey kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

¹¹ And ⁿforgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

¹² ^oMarvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, ^p*in* the field of Zoan.

¹³ ^qHe divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and ^rhe made the waters to stand as an heap.

* Ps. 74, title.

² Or, A Psalm for Asaph to give instruction.

^a Isai. 51. 4.

^b Ps. 49. 4. Matt. 13. 35.

^c Ps. 44. 1.

^d Deut. 4. 9. & 6. 7. Joel 1. 3.

^e Ex. 12. 26, 27. & 13. 8, 14. Josh. 4. 6, 7.

^f Ps. 147. 19.

^g Deut. 4. 9. & 6. 7. & 11. 19.

^h Ps. 102. 18.

ⁱ 2 Kin. 17. 14. Ezek. 20. 18.

^k Ex. 32. 9. & 33. 3. & 34. 9. Deut. 9. 6, 13. & 31. 27. Ps. 68. 6.

^l Heb. that prepared not their heart.

³¹ ver. 37. 2 Chron. 20. 33.

⁴ Heb. throwing forth.

^m 2 Kin. 17. 15.

ⁿ Ps. 106. 13.

^o Ex. 7. & 8. & 9. & 10. & 11. & 12.

^p Gen. 32. 3. Num. 13. 22. ver. 43. Isai. 19. 11, 13. Ezek. 30. 14.

^q Ex. 14. 21.

^r Ex. 15. 8. Ps. 33. 7.

^d Ps. 142. 3. & 143. 4.

^o Deut. 32. 7. Ps. 143. 5. Isai. 51. 9.

^f Ps. 42. 8.

^g Ps. 4. 4.

^h Ps. 74. 1.

ⁱ Ps. 85. 1.

^k Rom. 9. 6.

² Heb. to generation and generation?

^l Isai. 49. 15.

^m Ps. 31. 22.

ⁿ Ps. 143. 5.

^o Ps. 73. 17.

^p Ex. 15. 11.

^q Ex. 6. 6. Deut. 9. 29.

^r Ex. 14. 21. Josh. 3. 15, 16. Ps. 114. 3. Hab. 3. 8, &c.

^s Heb. The clouds were poured forth with water.

² Sam. 22. 15. Hab. 3. 11.

^t Ps. 97. 4.

^u 2 Sam. 22. 8.

^x Hab. 3. 15.

^y Ex. 14. 28.

^z Ex. 13. 21. & 14. 19. Ps. 78. 52. & 80. 1. Isai. 63. 11, 12. Hos. 12. 13.

^a Ex. 13. 21.
& 14. 24.
Ps. 105. 39.

^b Ex. 17. 6.
Num. 20. 11.
Ps. 105. 41.
1 Cor. 10. 4.

^c Deut. 9. 21.
Ps. 105. 41.

^d Deut. 9. 22.
Ps. 95. 8.
Hebr. 3. 16.

^e Ex. 16. 2.

^f Num. 11. 4.

^g Heb. *order*.

^h Ex. 17. 6.
Num. 20. 11.

ⁱ Num. 11. 1, 10.

^j Hebr. 3. 18.
Jude 5.

^k Gen. 7. 11.
Mal. 3. 10.

^l Ex. 16. 4, 14.
Ps. 105. 40.
John 6. 31.
1 Cor. 10. 3.

^m Or, *Every one did eat the bread of the mighty*,
Ps. 103. 20.

ⁿ Num. 11. 31.
^o Heb. *to go*.

^p Heb. *fuel of wing*.

^q Num. 11. 20.

^r Num. 11. 33.

14 ^a In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 ^b He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.

16 He brought ^c streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him by ^d provoking the most High in the wilderness.

18 And ^e they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

19 ^f Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God ^g furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 ^h Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and ⁱ was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

22 Because they ^j believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, ^k and opened the doors of heaven,

24 ^l And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

25 ^m Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

26 ⁿ He caused an east wind ^o to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and ^p feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

29 ^q So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

30 They were not estranged from their lust. But ^r while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and ^s smote down the ^t chosen *men* of Israel.

32 For all this ^u they sinned still, and ^v believed not for his wondrous works.

33 ^w Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

34 ^x When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that ^y God *was* their rock, and the high God ^z their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they did ^{aa} flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For ^{ab} their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

38 ^{ac} But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time ^{ad} turned he his anger away, ^{ae} and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For ^{af} he remembered ^{ag} that they *were but* flesh; ^{ah} a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they ^{ai} provoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert!

41 Yea, ^{aj} they turned back and tempted God, and ^{ak} limited the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them ^{al} from the enemy.

43 How ^{am} he had ^{an} wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

44 ^{ao} And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 ^{ap} He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and ^{aq} frogs, which destroyed them.

46 ^{ar} He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

47 ^{as} He ^{at} destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with ^{au} frost.

^a Heb. *made to bow*.

^b Or, *young men*.

^c Num. 14. & 16, & 17.

^d ver. 22.

^e Num. 14. 29, 35. & 26. 64, 65.

^f See Hos. 5. 15.

^g Deut. 32. 4, 15, 31.

^h Ex. 15. 13.
Deut. 7. 8.
Isai. 41. 14. & 44. 6. & 63. 9.

ⁱ Ezek. 33. 31.

^j ver. 8.

^k Num. 14. 18, 20.

^l Isai. 48. 9.

^m 1 Kin. 21. 29.

ⁿ Ps. 103. 14, 16.

^o Gen. 6. 3.
John 3. 6.

^p Job 7. 7, 16.
Jam. 4. 14.

^q Or, *rebel against him*.

^r ver. 17.
Ps. 95. 9, 10.

Isai. 7. 13.
& 63. 10.

Eph. 4. 30.
Hebr. 3. 16, 17.

^s Num. 14. 22.
Deut. 6. 16.

^t ver. 20.

^u Or, *from affliction*.

^v ver. 12.
Ps. 105. 27, &c.

^w Heb. *set*.

^x Ex. 7. 20.
Ps. 105. 29.

^y Ex. 8. 24.
Ps. 105. 31.

^z Ex. 8. 6.
Ps. 105. 30.

^{aa} Ex. 10. 13, 15.
Ps. 105. 34, 35.

^{ab} Ex. 9. 23, 25.
Ps. 105. 33.

^{ac} Heb. *killed*.

^{ad} Or, *great hailstones*.

¹ Ex. 9. 23, 24, 25.
² Ps. 105. 32.

³ Heb. *He shut up.*
⁴ Or, *lightnings.*

⁴ Heb. *He weighed a path.*

⁵ Or, *their beasts to the murrain,*
Ex. 9. 3, 6.

⁶ Ex. 12. 29.
Ps. 105. 36.
& 136. 10.

¹ Ps. 106. 22.
^m Ps. 77. 20.

ⁿ Ex. 14. 19, 20.

^o Ex. 14. 27, 28.
& 15. 10.

^p Heb. *covered.*

^q Ex. 15. 17.

^r Ps. 44. 3.

^r Ps. 44. 2.

^s Josh. 13. 7.
& 19. 51.
Ps. 136. 21, 22.

^t Judg. 2. 11, 12.

^u ver. 41.
Ezek. 20. 27, 28.

^v Hos. 7. 16.

^y Deut. 32. 16, 21.
Judg. 2. 12, 20.
Ezek. 20. 28.

^z Deut. 12. 2, 4.
1 Kin. 11. 7.
& 12. 31.

^a 1 Sam. 4. 11.
Jer. 7. 12, 14.
& 26. 6, 9.

^b Judg. 18. 30.

^c 1 Sam. 4. 10.

^d Jer. 7. 34. &
16. 9. & 25. 10.
⁷ Heb. *praised.*

48 ¹² He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to ³ hot thunderbolts.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels *among them*.

50 ⁴ He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave ⁵ their life over to the pestilence;

51 ^k And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of *their* strength in ^l the tabernacles of Ham:

52 But ^m made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he ⁿ led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea ^o overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his ^p sanctuary, *even to* this mountain, ^q *which* his right hand had purchased.

55 ^r He cast out the heathen also before them, and ^s divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 ^t Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

57 But ^u turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside ^v like a deceitful bow.

58 ^y For they provoked him to anger with their ^z high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

60 ^a So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men;

61 ^b And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62 ^c He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men; and ^d their maidens were not ⁷ given to marriage.

64 ^e Their priests fell by the sword; and ^f their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord ^g awaked as one out of sleep, *and* ^h like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And ⁱ he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion ^k which he loved.

69 And he ^l built his sanctuary like high *palaces*, like the earth which he hath ² established for ever.

70 ^m He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 ³ From following ⁿ the ewes great with young he brought him ^o to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the ^p integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

PSALM LXXIX.

¹ *The psalmist complaineth of the desolation of Jerusalem.* ⁸ *He prayeth for deliverance,* ¹³ *and promiseth thankfulness.*

A Psalm ⁴ of Asaph.

O GOD, the heathen are come into ^a thine inheritance; ^b thy holy temple have they defiled; ^c they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2 ^d The dead bodies of thy servants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; ^e and *there was* none to bury *them*.

4 ^f We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 ^g How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy ^h jealousy burn like fire?

¹ 1 Sam. 4. 11. & 22. 18.

² Job 27. 15. Ezek. 24. 23.

³ Ps. 44. 23.

⁴ Isai. 42. 13.

⁵ 1 Sam. 5. 6, 12. & 6. 4.

^k Ps. 87. 2.

^l 1 Kin. 6.

^m Heb. *founded.*

ⁿ 1 Sam. 16. 11, 12.
² Sam. 7. 8.

^o Heb. *From after.*

^p Gen. 33. 13. Isai. 40. 11.

^q 2 Sam. 5. 2. 1 Chron. 11. 2.

^r 1 Kin. 9. 4.

⁴ Or, *for Asaph.*

^a Ex. 15. 17. Ps. 74. 2.

^b Ps. 74. 7.

^c 2 Kin. 25. 9, 10.

² Chron. 36. 19. Mic. 3. 12.

^d Jer. 7. 33. & 16. 4. & 34. 20.

^e Ps. 141. 7. Jer. 14. 16. & 16. 4.

^f Rev. 11. 9.

^g Ps. 44. 13. & 80. 6.

^h Ps. 74. 1, 9, 10. & 85. 5. & 89. 46.

ⁱ Zeph. 1. 18. & 3. 8.

¹ Jer. 10. 25.
Rev. 16. 1.
^k Isai. 45. 4, 5.
2 Thess. 1. 8.
¹ Ps. 53. 4.

^m Isai. 64. 9.
ⁿ Or, *the iniquities of them that were before us.*
^o Deut. 28. 43.
Ps. 142. 6.
^o 2 Chron. 14. 11.

^p Jer. 14. 7, 21.
^q Ps. 42. 10.
& 115. 2.

^s Heb. *vengeance.*

^r Ps. 102. 20.

^t Heb. *thine arm.*
^u Heb. *reserve the children of death.*

^v Gen. 4. 15.
Isai. 65. 6, 7.
Jer. 32. 18.
Luke 6. 38.
^w Ps. 74. 18, 22.
^x Ps. 74. 1. &
95. 7. & 100. 3.
^y Isai. 43. 21.

^z Heb. *to generation and generation.*

^{*} Ps. 45, & 69,
title.

⁷ Or, *for Asaph.*

^a Ps. 77. 20.
^b Ex. 25. 20, 22.
1 Sam. 4. 4.
2 Sam. 6. 2.
Ps. 99. 1.

^c Deut. 33. 2.
Ps. 50. 2.
& 94. 1.

^d Numb. 2.
18,—23.
^e Heb. *come for salvation to us.*

^f ver. 7, 19.
Lam. 5. 21.
^f Numb. 6. 25.
Ps. 4. 6. &
67. 1.

^g Heb. *will thou smoke,*
Ps. 74. 1.

^h Ps. 42. 3.
& 102. 9.
Isai. 30. 20.

6 ⁱ Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have ^k not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have ^l not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

8 ^m O remember not against us ⁿ former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are ⁿ brought very low.

9 ^o Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, ^p for thy name's sake.

10 ^q Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight *by* the ^r revenging of the blood of thy servants *which is* shed.

11 Let ^r the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of ^s thy power ^t preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

12 And render unto our neighbours ^u sevenfold into their bosom ^v their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So ^w we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: ^x we will shew forth thy praise ^y to all generations.

PSALM LXXX.

1 *The psalmist in his prayer complaineth of the miseries of the church.* 8 *God's former favours are turned into judgments.* 14 *He prayeth for deliverance.*

To the chief Musician ^{*} upon Shoshannim-Eduth, A Psalm ⁷ of Asaph.

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph ^a like a flock; ^b thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, ^c shine forth.

2 ^d Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and ^e come *and* save us.

3 ^f Turn us again, O God, ^g and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, how long ^h wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 ⁱ Thou feedest them with the

bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6 ^j Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 ^k Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8 Thou hast brought ^k a vine out of Egypt: ^l thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou ^m preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* ⁿ the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches ^o unto the river.

12 Why hast thou *then* ^p broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: ^q look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong ^r for thyself.

16 *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: ^s they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 ^t Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself.

18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

19 ^u Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

PSALM LXXXI.

1 *An exhortation to a solemn praising of God.* 4 *God challengeth that duty by reason of his benefits.* 8 *God, exhorting to obedience, complaineth of their disobedience, which proveth their own hurt.*

^h Ps. 44. 13.
& 79. 4.

¹ ver. 3, 19.

^k Isai. 5. 1, 7.
Jer. 2. 21.
Ezek. 15. 6.
& 17. 6. &
19. 10.

¹ Ps. 44. 2. &
78. 55.
^m Ex. 23. 28.
Josh. 24. 12.

ⁿ Heb. *the cedars of God.*

^o Ps. 72. 8.

^p Ps. 89. 40, 41.
Isai. 5. 5.
Nah. 2. 2.

^q Isai. 63. 15.

^r Isai. 49. 5.

^s Ps. 39. 11.
& 76. 7.

^t Ps. 89. 21.

^u ver. 3, 7.

* Ps. 8, title.

^a Or, *for Asaph.*To the chief Musician * upon Gittith,
A Psalm ^a of Asaph.**S**ING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.² Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.³ Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.⁴ For ^a this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob.⁵ This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out ³ through the land of Egypt: ^b *where* I heard a language *that* I understood not.⁶ ^c I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands ^d were delivered from ^d the pots.⁷ ^e Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; ^f I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I ^g proved thee at the waters of ⁵ Meribah. Selah.⁸ ^h Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;⁹ ⁱ There shall no ^k strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.¹⁰ ^l I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: ^m open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.¹¹ But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would ⁿ none of me.¹² ^o So I gave them up ^e unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they walked in their own counsels.¹³ ^p Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!¹⁴ I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.¹⁵ ^q The haters of the LORD should have ⁷ ⁸ submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.¹⁶ He should ^r have fed them also ⁹ with the finest of the wheat: andwith honey ^a out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

PSALM LXXXII.

¹ *The psalmist, having exhorted the judges, 5 and reproved their negligence, 8 prayeth God to judge.*A Psalm ^a of Asaph.**G**OD ^a standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among ^b the gods.² How long will ye judge unjustly, and ^c accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.³ ^d Defend the poor and fatherless: ^d do justice to the afflicted and needy.⁴ ^e Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.⁵ They ^f know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: ^g all the foundations of the earth are ⁴ out of course.⁶ ^h I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High.⁷ But ⁱ ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.⁸ ^k Arise, O God, judge the earth: ^l for thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM LXXXIII.

¹ *A complaint to God of the enemies' conspiracies. 9 A prayer against them that oppress the church.*A Song or Psalm ^a of Asaph.**K**EEP ^a not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.² For, lo, ^b thine enemies make a tumult: and they that ^c hate thee have lifted up the head.³ They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted ^d against thy hidden ones.⁴ They have said, Come, and ^e let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.⁵ For they have consulted together with one ^f consent: they are confederate against thee:⁶ ^f The tabernacles of Edom, and^a Job 29. 6.^a Or, *for Asaph.*^a 2 Chron. 19. 6.
Eccles. 5. 8.^b Ex. 21. 6.
& 22. 28.^c Deut. 1. 17.
2 Chron. 19. 7.^d Prov. 18. 5.
^e Heb. *Judge.*^d Jer. 22. 3.^o Job 29. 12.
Prov. 24. 11.^f Mic. 3. 1.^g Ps. 11. 3. &
75. 3.⁴ Heb. *mored.*^h Ex. 22. 9, 28.
ver. 1.
John 10. 34.ⁱ Job 21. 32.
Ps. 49. 12.
Ezek. 31. 14.^k Mic. 7. 2, 7.^l Ps. 2. 8.
Rev. 11. 15.^a Or, *for Asaph.*^a Ps. 28. 1. &
35. 22. &
109. 1.^b Ps. 2. 1.
Acts 4. 25.
^c Ps. 81. 15.^d Ps. 27. 5. &
31. 20.^e See Esth. 3.
6, 9.
Jer. 11. 19.
& 31. 36.^f Heb. *heart.*^f See 2 Chron.
20. 1, 10, 11.

the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assur also is joined with them: ²they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

9 Do unto them as *unto* the ^aMidianites; as *to* ^bSisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

10 Which perished at En-dor: ¹they became *as* dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like ^bOreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as ¹Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

13 ^mO my God, make them like a wheel; ⁿas the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame ^osetteth the mountains on fire;

15 So persecute them ^pwith thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 ^qFill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

18 ^rThat *men* may know that thou, whose ^aname alone *is* JEHOVAH, *art* ^tthe most high over all the earth.

PSALM LXXXIV.

¹ The prophet, longing for the communion of the sanctuary, ⁴ sheweth how blessed they are that dwell therein. ⁸ He prayeth to be restored unto it.

To the chief Musician * upon Gittith,
A Psalm ³for the sons of Korah.

HOW ^aamiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

2 ^bMy soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for

herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 ^cBlessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways of *them*.

6 Who passing through the valley ^{2d}of Baca make it a well; the rain also ³filleth the pools.

7 They go ^{4e}from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion ^fappeareth before God.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Behold, ^eO God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. ⁵I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God *is* ^ha sun and ⁱshield: the LORD will give grace and glory: ^kno good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, ¹blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM LXXXV.

¹ The psalmist, out of the experience of former mercies, prayeth for the continuance thereof. ⁸ He promiseth to wait thereon, out of confidence of God's goodness.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm ⁶for the sons of Korah.

LORD, thou hast been ⁷favourable unto thy land: thou hast ^abrought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 ^bThou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: ^athou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 ^cTurn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

^c Ps. 65. 4.

^a Or, of mulberry trees make him a well, &c.

^d 2 Sam. 5. 22, 23.

^e Heb. covereth.

^f Or, from company to company.

^g Prov. 4. 18.

^h 2 Cor. 3. 18.

ⁱ Deut. 16. 16.

^j Zech. 14. 16.

^k Gen. 15. 1. ver. 11.

^o Heb. I would choose rather to sit at the threshold.

^h Isai. 60. 19.

¹ Gen. 15. 1.

ver. 9.

Ps. 115. 9, 10,

11. & 119. 114.

Prov. 2. 7.

^k Ps. 34. 9, 10.

¹ Ps. 2. 12.

^a Ps. 42, title.

^b Or, of.

⁷ Or, well pleased, Ps. 77. 7.

^a Ezra 1. 11.

& 2. 1.

Ps. 14. 7.

Jer. 30. 18.

& 31. 23.

Ezek. 39. 25.

Joel 3. 1.

^b Ps. 32. 1.

^a Or, thou hast turned thine anger from raging hot, Deut. 13. 17.

^c Ps. 80. 7.

² Hob. they have been an arm to the children of Lot.

⁵ Num. 31. 7. Judg. 7. 22.

^h Judg. 4. 15, 24. & 5. 21.

¹ 2 Kin. 9. 37.

Zeph. 1. 17.

^k Judg. 7. 25.

¹ Judg. 8. 12, 21.

^m Isai. 17. 13, 14.

ⁿ Ps. 35. 5.

^o Deut. 32. 22.

^p Job 9. 17.

^q Ps. 35. 4, 26.

^r Ps. 59. 13.

^s Ex. 6. 3.

^t Ps. 92. 8.

* Ps. 8, title.

* Or, of.

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* Ps. 27. 4.

^b Ps. 42. 1, 2. & 63. 1. & 73. 26. & 119. 20.

^d Ps. 74. 1. &
79. 5. & 80. 4.

^e Hab. 3. 2.

^f Hab. 2. 1.

^g Zech. 9. 10.

^h 2 Pet. 2. 20,
21.

ⁱ Isai. 46. 13.

^k Zech. 2. 5.
John 1. 14.

^l Ps. 72. 3.
Isai. 32. 17.
Luke 2. 14.

^m Isai. 45. 8.

ⁿ Ps. 84. 11.
Jam. 1. 17.
^o Ps. 67. 6.

^p Ps. 89. 14.

^a Or, *A Prayer*,
being a
Psalm of
David.

^a Or, *one whom
thou favour-
est.*

^a Isai. 26. 3.

^b Ps. 56. 1.
& 57. 1.

^c Or, *all the
day.*

^d Ps. 25. 1. &
143. 8.

^d ver. 15.
Ps. 130. 7. &
145. 9.
Joel 2. 13.

5 ^d Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt thou not ^e revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8 ^f I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for ^g he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not ^h turn again to folly.

9 Surely ⁱ his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; ^k that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; ^l righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.

11 ^m Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 ⁿ Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is* good; and ^o our land shall yield her increase.

13 ^p Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

PSALM LXXXVI.

1 *David strengtheneth his prayer by the conscience of his religion, 5 by the goodness and power of God. 11 He desireth the continuance of former grace. 14 Complaining of the proud, he craveth some token of God's goodness.*

^a A Prayer of David.

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I *am* poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul; for I *am* ³ holy: O thou my God, save thy servant ^a that trusteth in thee.

3 ^b Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee ^c daily.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: ^d for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 ^d For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 ^e In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

8 ^f Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; ^g neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.

9 ^h All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou *art* great, and ⁱ doest wondrous things: ^k thou *art* God alone.

11 ^l Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and thou hast ^m delivered my soul from the lowest ² hell.

14 O God, ⁿ the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of ³ violent *men* have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

15 ^o But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16 O ^p turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save ⁴ the son of thine handmaid.

17 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see *it*, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

1 *The nature and glory of the church. 4 The increase, honour, and comfort of the members thereof.*

A Psalm or Song ⁴ for the sons of Korah.

HIS foundation *is* ^a in the holy mountains.

2 ^b The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 ^c Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

^e Ps. 50. 15.

^f Ex. 15. 11.
Ps. 89. 6.
^g Deut. 3. 24.

^h Ps. 22. 31. &
102. 18.
Isai. 43. 7.
Rev. 15. 4.

ⁱ Ex. 15. 11.
Ps. 72. 18.
& 77. 14.

^k Deut. 6. 4. &
32. 39.
Isai. 37. 16.
& 44. 6.
Mark 12. 29.
1 Cor. 8. 4.
Eph. 4. 6.
^l Ps. 25. 4. &
27. 11. & 119.
33. & 143. 8.

^m Ps. 56. 13.
& 116. 8.

ⁿ Or, *grave.*
^o Ps. 54. 3.

^p Heb. *terrible.*

^o Ex. 34. 6.
Num. 14. 18.
Neh. 9. 17.
ver. 5.
Ps. 103. 8. &
111. 4. & 130.
4. 7. & 145. 8.
Joel 2. 13.
^p Ps. 25. 16. &
69. 16.
^q Ps. 116. 16.

^a Or, *of.*

^b Ps. 48. 1.

^c Ps. 78. 67, 68.

^d See Isai. 60.

^d Ps. 89. 10.
Isai. 51. 9.

4 I will make mention of ^d Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

^e Ps. 22. 30.

^f Ezek. 13. 9.

6 ^e The LORD shall count, when he ^f writeth up the people, *that* this *man* was born there. Selah.

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there*: all my springs *are* in thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

A prayer containing a grievous complaint.

^a Or, *of*.

A Song or Psalm ^a for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, ^b Maschil of ^c Heman the Ezrahite.

^a Or, A Psalm of Heman the Ezrahite, giving instruction.

^{*} 1 Kin. 4. 31.
1 Chron. 2. 6.

^a Ps. 27. 9. &
51. 14.

^b Luke 18. 7.

^c Ps. 107. 18.

^d Ps. 28. 1.

^e Ps. 31. 12.

O LORD ^a God of my salvation, I have ^b cried day *and* night before thee:

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life ^c draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 ^d I am counted with them that go down into the pit: ^e I am as a man *that hath* no strength:

5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are ^f cut off ^g from thy hand.

^f Isai. 53. 8.

^g Or, *by thy hand*.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

^h Ps. 42. 7.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and ⁱ thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. Selah.

^h Job 19. 13, 19.
Ps. 31. 11. &
142. 4.

8 ^h Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: ⁱ I *am* shut up, and I cannot come forth.

ⁱ Lam. 3. 7.

9 ^k Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, ^l I have called daily upon thee, ^m I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

^k Ps. 38. 10.

^l Ps. 86. 3.

^m Job 11. 13.
Ps. 143. 6.

10 ⁿ Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? Selah.

ⁿ Ps. 6. 5. &
30. 9. & 115.
17. & 118. 17.
Isai. 38. 18.

11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 ^o Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? ^p and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and ^q in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

14 LORD, ^r why castest thou off my soul? *why* ^s hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* ^t I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round about me ^u daily like water; they ^v compassed me about together.

18 ^x Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.

^a Job 10. 21.
Ps. 143. 3.

^b Ps. 31. 12.
ver. 5.
Eccles. 8. 10.
& 9. 5.

^c Ps. 5. 3. &
119. 147.

^d Ps. 43. 2.

^e Job 13. 24.
Ps. 13. 1.

^f Job 6. 4.

^g Or, *all the day*.

^h Ps. 22. 16.

ⁱ Job 19. 13.
Ps. 31. 11.
& 38. 11.

PSALM LXXXIX.

1 *The psalmist praiseth God for his covenant, 5 for his wonderful power, 15 for the care of his church, 19 for his favour to the kingdom of David. 38 Then complaining of contrary events, 46 he expositulateth, prayeth, and blesseth God.*

^a Maschil of ^b Ethan the Ezrahite.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness ^c to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: ^d thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

3 ^e I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have ^f sworn unto David my servant,

4 ^g Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne ^h to all generations. Selah.

5 And ⁱ the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation ^j of the saints.

6 For ^k who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

^a Or, A Psalm for Ethan the Ezrahite, to give instruction.

^b 1 Kin. 4. 31.
1 Chron. 2. 6.

^c Ps. 101. 1.

^d Heb. *to generation and generation*: So ver. 4.

Ps. 119. 90.

^e Ps. 119. 89.

^f 1 Kin. 8. 16.
Isai. 42. 1.

^g 2 Sam. 7. 11, &c. 1 Chron. 17. 10, &c. See Jer. 30. 9.

Ezek. 34. 23.
Hos. 3. 5.

^h ver. 29, 36.

ⁱ See ver. 1.
Luke 1. 32, 33.

^j Ps. 19. 1. & 97. 6.

Rev. 7. 10, 11, 12.

^k ver. 7.

^l Ps. 40. 5. & 71. 19. & 86. 8. & 113. 5.

* Ps. 76. 7, 11.

7 ^k God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are about him.*

¹ Ex. 15. 11.
¹ Sam. 2. 2.
Ps. 35. 10.
& 71. 19.

8 O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD ¹like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

^m Ps. 65. 7. &
93. 3, 4. &
107. 29.

9 ^m Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

ⁿ Ex. 14. 26,
27, 28.
Ps. 87. 4.
Isai. 30. 7.
& 51. 9.

10 ⁿ Thou hast broken ²Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies ³with thy strong arm.

² Or, *Egypt.*

³ Heb. *with the arm of thy strength.*

11 ^o The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

^o Gen. 1. 1.
¹ Chron. 29. 11.
Ps. 24. 1, 2.
& 50. 12.

^p Job 26. 7.

^q Josh. 19. 22.

^r Josh. 12. 1.

12 ^p The north and the south thou hast created them: ^qTabor and ^rHermon shall rejoice in thy name.

⁴ Heb. *an arm with might.*

13 Thou hast ⁴a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.

⁵ Ps. 97. 2.

⁵ Or, *establishment.*

^t Ps. 85. 13.

14 ⁵ Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: ^tmercy and truth shall go before thy face.

^u Num. 10. 10.
& 23. 21.
Ps. 98. 6.

^x Ps. 4. 6. &
44. 3.

15 Blessed *is* the people that know the ^ujoyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the ^xlight of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

^y ver. 24.
Ps. 75. 10. &
92. 10. &
132. 17.

17 For thou *art* the glory of their strength: ^yand in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

⁶ Or, *our shield is of the LORD, and our king is of the Holy One of Israel,*
Ps. 47. 9.

18 For ⁶the LORD *is* our defence; and the Holy One of Israel *is* our king.

^z ver. 3.
¹ Kin. 11. 34.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty; I have exalted *one* ^zchosen out of the people.

^a 1 Sam. 16. 1,
12.

20 ^aI have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

^b Ps. 80. 17.

21 ^b With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

^c 2 Sam. 7. 13.

22 ^cThe enemy shall not exact

upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

^d 2 Sam. 7. 9.

23 ^d And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

^e Ps. 61. 7.

^f ver. 17.

24 But ^emy faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him: and ^fin my name shall his horn be exalted.

^g Ps. 72. 8. &
80. 11.

25 ^g I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* ^hmy father, my God, and ⁱthe rock of my salvation.

^h 2 Sam. 7. 14.
¹ Chron. 22. 10.

27 Also I will make him ^k*my* firstborn, ¹higher than the kings of the earth.

¹ 2 Sam. 22. 47.

^k Ps. 2. 7.
Col. 1. 15, 18.

¹ Num. 24. 7.

^m Isai. 55. 3.

ⁿ ver. 34.

28 ^m My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and ⁿmy covenant shall stand fast with him.

^o ver. 4, 36.

29 ^o His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, ^pand his throne ^qas the days of heaven.

^p ver. 4.
Isai. 9. 7.
Jer. 33. 17.

30 ^rIf his children ^rforsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

^q Deut. 11. 21.

^r 2 Sam. 7. 14.

^s Ps. 119. 53.

Jer. 9. 13.

² Heb. *profane my statutes.*

^t 2 Sam. 7. 14.

¹ Kin. 11. 31.

31 If they ²break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 Then ^twill I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

^u 2 Sam. 7. 13.

33 ^u Nevertheless my lovingkindness ³will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness ⁴to fail.

³ Heb. *I will not make void from him.*

⁴ Heb. *to lie.*

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn ^xby my holiness ⁵that I will not lie unto David.

^x Amos 4. 2.

⁵ Heb. *if I lie.*

36 ^y His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne ⁶as the sun before me.

^y 2 Sam. 7. 16.

Luke 1. 33.

John 12. 34.

ver. 4, 29.

^z Ps. 72. 5, 17.

Jer. 33. 20.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

38 But thou hast ^acast off and ^babhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

^a 1 Chron. 28. 9.

Ps. 44. 9. &
60. 1, 10.

^b Deut. 32. 19.

Ps. 78. 59.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: ^cthou hast profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.

^c Ps. 74. 7.
Lam. 5. 16.

^d Ps. 80. 12.

40 ^dThou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

^e Ps. 44. 13. & 79. 4.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is ^ea reproach to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

^g Hob. brightness.
^f ver. 39.

44 Thou hast made his ^gglory to cease, and ^fcast his throne down to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.

^g Ps. 79. 5.^h Ps. 78. 63.

46 ^gHow long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? ^hshall thy wrath burn like fire?

ⁱ Job 7. 7. & 10. 9. & 14. 1. Ps. 39. 5. & 119. 84.

47 ⁱRemember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

^k Ps. 49. 9.^l Hebr. 11. 5.

48 ^kWhat man *is he that* liveth, and shall not ^lsee death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

^m 2 Sam. 7. 15.

Isai. 55. 3.

ⁿ Ps. 54. 5.

49 Lord, where *are* thy former lovingkindnesses, *which* thou ^mswarest unto David ⁿin thy truth?

^o Ps. 69. 9, 19.

50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; ^o*how* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty people;

^p Ps. 74. 22.

51 ^pWherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

^q Ps. 41. 13.

52 ^qBlessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM XC.

¹ *Moses, setting forth God's providence, 3 complaineth of human fragility, 7 divine chastisements, 10 and brevity of life. 12 He prayeth for the knowledge and sensible experience of God's good providence.*

^g Or, A Prayer, being a Psalm of Moses.^{*} Deut. 33. 1.^a Deut. 33. 27.

Ezek. 11. 16.

^h Heb. in generation and generation.^b Prov. 8. 25, 26.

^gA Prayer ^{*}of Moses the man of God.

LORD, ^athou hast been our dwelling place ^hin all generations.

2 ^bBefore the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,

even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, ^cReturn, ye children of men.

4 ^dFor a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday ^ewhen it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; ^ethey are *as* a sleep: in the morning ^f*they are* like grass *which* ^ggroweth up.

6 ^hIn the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 ^hThou hast set our iniquities before thee, our ⁱsecret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are ^jpassed away in thy wrath: we spend our years ^kas a tale *that is told*.

10 ^lThe days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath.

12 ^kSo teach *us* to number our days, that we may ^lapply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it ^mrepent thee concerning thy servants.

14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; ⁿthat we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, and the years *wherein* we have seen evil.

16 Let ⁿthy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

17 ^oAnd let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and ^pestablish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

^c Gen. 3. 19. Eccles. 12. 7.^d 2 Pet. 3. 8.^e Or, *when he hath passed* them.^e Ps. 73. 20.^f Ps. 103. 15. Isai. 40. 6.^g Or, *is changed*.^h Job 14. 2. Ps. 92. 7.^h Ps. 50. 21. Jer. 16. 17.ⁱ Ps. 19. 12.^j Heb. *turned away*.^k Or, *as a meditation*.^l Heb. *As for the days of our years, in them are seventy years.*^k Ps. 39. 4.^l Heb. *cause to come*.^m Deut. 32. 36. Ps. 135. 14.ⁿ Ps. 85. 6. & 149. 2.ⁿ Hab. 3. 2.^o Ps. 27. 4.^p Isai. 26. 12.

PSALM XCI.

1 *The state of the godly.* 3 *Their safety.* 9 *Their habitation.* 11 *Their servants.* 14 *Their friend; with the effects of them all.*

HE ^athat dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall ²abide ^bunder the shadow of the Almighty.

2 ^cI will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely ^dhe shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

4 ^eHe shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

5 ^fThou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only ^gwith thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* ^hmy refuge, *even* the most High, ⁱthy habitation;

10 ^kThere shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 ^lFor he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, ^mlest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and ⁿadder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath ⁿknown my name.

15 ^oHe shall call upon me, and I will answer him: ^p*I will be with*

him in trouble; I will deliver him, and ^qhonour him.

16 With ²long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

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2 To ^bshew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness ³every night,

3 ^cUpon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; ⁴upon the harp with ⁵a solemn sound.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 ^dO LORD, how great are thy works! *and* ^ethy thoughts are very deep.

6 ^fA brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7 When ^gthe wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 ^hBut thou, LORD, *art most* high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall ⁱbe scattered.

10 But ^kmy horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be ^lanointed with fresh oil.

11 ^mMine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 ⁿThe righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish ^oin the courts of our God.

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^q 1 Sam. 2. 30.

^r Heb. *length of days,* Prov. 3. 2.

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^b Ps. 89. 1.

^c Heb. *in the nights.*

^d 1 Chron. 23. 5. Ps. 33. 2.

^e Or, *upon the solemn sound with the harp.*

^f Heb. *Higgaion,* Ps. 9. 16.

^g Ps. 40. 5. & 139. 17.

^h Isai. 28. 29. Rom. 11. 33, 34.

ⁱ Ps. 73. 22. & 94. 8.

^j Job 12. 6. & 21. 7. Ps. 37. 1, 2, 35, 38. Jer. 12. 1, 2. Mal. 3. 15.

^k Ps. 56. 2. & 83. 18.

^l Ps. 68. 1. & 89. 10.

^m Ps. 89. 17, 24.

ⁿ Ps. 23. 5.

^o Ps. 54. 7. & 59. 10. & 112. 8.

^p Ps. 52. 8. Isai. 65. 22. Hos. 14. 5, 6.

^q Ps. 100. 4. & 135. 2.

^r Heb. *green.*

^a Ps. 27. 5. & 31. 20. & 32. 7.

^b Heb. *lodgo.*

^c Ps. 17. 8.

^d Ps. 142. 5.

^e Ps. 124. 7.

^f Ps. 17. 8. & 57. 1. & 61. 4.

^g Job 5. 19, &c. Ps. 112. 7. & 121. 6. Prov. 3. 23, 24. Isai. 43. 2.

^h Ps. 37. 34. Mal. 1. 5.

ⁱ ver. 2.

^j Ps. 71. 3. & 90. 1.

^k Prov. 12. 21.

^l Ps. 34. 7. & 71. 3. Matt. 4. 6. Luke 4. 10, 11. Hebr. 1. 14.

^m Job 5. 23. Ps. 37. 24.

ⁿ Or, *asp.*

^o Ps. 9. 10.

^p Ps. 50. 15.

^q Isai. 43. 2.

^f Deut. 32. 4.
^g Rom. 9. 14.

15 To shew that the LORD *is* upright: ^p *he is* my rock, and ^q *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM XCIII.

The majesty, power, and holiness of Christ's kingdom.

^a Ps. 96. 10. & 97. 1. & 99. 1.
Isai. 52. 7.
Rev. 19. 6.
^b Ps. 104. 1.
^c Ps. 65. 6.
^d Ps. 96. 10.

THE ^a LORD reigneth, ^b he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, ^c *wherewith* he hath girded himself: ^d the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

^e Ps. 45. 6.
Prov. 8. 22, &c.

2 ^e Thy throne *is* established ² of old: thou *art* from everlasting.

^g Heb. *from then.*

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

^f Ps. 65. 7. & 89. 9.

4 ^f The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

^g Heb. *to length of days.*

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, ³ for ever.

PSALM XCIV.

¹ The prophet, calling for justice, complaineth of tyranny and impiety. ³ He teacheth God's providence. ¹² He sheweth the blessedness of affliction. ¹⁶ God is the defender of the afflicted.

⁴ Heb. *God of revenges.*

^a Deut. 32. 35.
Nah. 1. 2.

^b Heb. *shine forth,*
Ps. 80. 1.

^c Ps. 7. 6.
^d Gen. 18. 25.

^e Job 20. 5.

O LORD ⁴ God, ^a to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, ⁵ shew thyself.

^f Ps. 31. 18.
Jude 15.

2 ^b Lift up thyself, thou ^e judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 LORD, ^d how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 *How long* shall they ^e utter *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

^f Ps. 10. 11, 13. & 59. 7.

7 ^f Yet they say, The LORD shall

not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

8 ^g Understand, ye brutish among the people: and *ye* fools, when will ye be wise?

9 ^h He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that ⁱ teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*

11 ^k The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.

12 ^l Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 ^m For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart ² shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 ⁿ Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had ³ almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, ^o My foot slip-peth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall ^p the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which ^q frameth mischief by a law?

21 ^r They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and ^s condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is ^t my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.

23 And ^u he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea,* the LORD our God shall cut them off.

^a Ps. 73. 22. & 92. 6.

^b Ex. 4. 11.
Prov. 20. 12.

ⁱ Job 35. 11.
Isai. 28. 26.

^k 1 Cor. 3. 20.

^l Job 5. 17.
Prov. 3. 11.
1 Cor. 11. 32.
Hebr. 12. 5, &c.

^m 1 Sam. 12. 22.
Rom. 11. 1, 2.

^g Heb. *shall be after it.*

ⁿ Ps. 124. 1, 2.
² Or, *quickly.*

^o Ps. 38. 16.

^p Amos 6. 3.

^q Ps. 58. 2.
Isai. 10. 1.
^r Matt. 27. 1.

^s Ex. 23. 7.
Prov. 17. 15.

^t Ps. 59. 9. & 62. 2, 6.

^u Ps. 7. 16.
Prov. 2. 22. & 5. 22.

PSALM XCV.

1 *An exhortation to praise God, 3 for his greatness, 6 and for his goodness, 8 and not to tempt him.*

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: ^alet us make a joyful noise to ^bthe rock of our salvation.

2 Let us ²come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

3 For ^cthe LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 ³In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: ⁴the strength of the hills *is* his also.

5 ⁵^dThe sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let ^eus kneel before the LORD our maker.

7 For he *is* our God; and ^fwe *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. ^gTo day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, ^has in the ⁶provocation, *and* as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When ⁱyour fathers tempted me, proved me, and ^ksaw my work.

10 ¹Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom ^mI swear in my wrath ⁷that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM XCVI.

1 *An exhortation to praise God, 4 for his greatness, 8 for his kingdom, 11 for his general judgment.*

O ^aSING unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

4 For ^bthe LORD *is* great, and ^cgreatly to be praised: ^dhe *is* to be feared above all gods.

5 For ^eall the gods of the nations *are* idols: ^fbut the LORD made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and ^gbeauty *are* in his sanctuary.

7 ^hGive unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

8 Give unto the LORD the glory ²*due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the LORD ⁱ³in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the heathen *that* ^kthe LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: ¹he shall judge the people righteously.

11 ^mLet the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; ⁿlet the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: ^ohe shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

PSALM XCVII.

1 *The majesty of God's kingdom. 7 The church rejoiceth at God's judgments upon idolaters. 10 An exhortation to godliness and gladness.*

THE ^aLORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the ⁴multitude of ^bisles be glad *thereof*.

2 ^cClouds and darkness *are* round about him: ^drighteousness and judgment *are* the ⁵habitation of his throne.

3 ^eA fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

4 ^fHis lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

5 ^gThe hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 ^hThe heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

^a Ps. 100. 1.

^b Deut. 32. 15.

² Sam. 22. 47.

³ Heb. *prevent his face.*

^c Ps. 96. 4. & 97. 9. & 135. 5.

³ Heb. *In whose.*

⁴ Or, *the heights of the hills are his.*

⁵ Heb. *Whose the sea is.*

^d Gen. 1. 9, 10.

^e 1 Cor. 6. 20.

^f Ps. 79. 13. & 80. 1. & 100. 3.

^g Hebr. 3. 7, 15. & 4. 7.

^h Ex. 17. 2, 7. Num. 14. 22, &c. & 20. 13. Deut. 6. 16.

⁶ Heb. *contention.*

ⁱ Ps. 78. 18, 40, 56.

1 Cor. 10. 9.

^k Num. 14. 22.

¹ Hebr. 3. 10, 17.

^m Num. 14. 23, 28, 30.

Hebr. 3. 11, 18. & 4. 3, 5.

⁷ Heb. *if they enter into my rest.*

^a 1 Chron. 16. 23,—33. Ps. 33. 3.

^b Ps. 145. 3.

^c Ps. 18. 3.

^d Ps. 95. 3.

^e See Jer. 10. 11, 12.

^f Ps. 115. 15. Isai. 42. 5.

^g Ps. 29. 2.

^h Ps. 29. 1, 2.

³ Heb. *of his name.*

ⁱ Ps. 29. 2. & 110. 3.

³ Or, *in the glorious sanctuary.*

^k Ps. 93. 1. & 97. 1. Rev. 11. 15. & 19. 6.

¹ ver. 13. Ps. 67. 4. & 98. 9.

^m Ps. 69. 34.

ⁿ Ps. 98. 7, &c.

^o Ps. 67. 4. Rev. 19. 11.

^a Ps. 96. 10.

⁴ Heb. *many, or, great isles.*

^b Isai. 60. 9.

^c 1 Kin. 8. 12. Ps. 18. 11.

^d Ps. 89. 14.

⁵ Or, *establishment.*

^e Ps. 18. 8. & 50. 3.

Dan. 7. 10.

Hab. 3. 5.

^f Ex. 19. 18. Ps. 77. 18. & 104. 32.

^g Judg. 5. 5. Mic. 1. 4.

Nah. 1. 5.

^h Ps. 19. 1. & 50. 6.

¹ Ex. 20. 4.
Lev. 26. 1.
Deut. 5. 8. &
27. 15.
^k Hebr. 1. 6.

7 ⁱ Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: ^k worship him, all ye gods.

8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

9 For thou, LORD, art ¹ high above all the earth: ^m thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 Ye that love the LORD, ^a hate evil: ^o he preserveth the souls of his saints; ^p he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

11 ^q Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

12 ^r Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; ^s and give thanks ² at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM XCVIII.

1 *The psalmist exhorteth the Jews, 4 the Gentiles, 7 and all the creatures to praise God.*

A Psalm.

O ^a SING unto the LORD a new song; for ^b he hath done marvellous things: ^c his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2 ^d The LORD hath made known his salvation: ^e his righteousness hath he ³ openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath ^f remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: ^g all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 ^h Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 ⁱ With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

7 ^k Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods ¹ clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together

9 Before the LORD; ^m for he com-

eth to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM XCIX.

1 *The prophet, setting forth the kingdom of God in Zion, 5 exhorteth all, by the example of forefathers, to worship God at his holy hill.*

THE ^a LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: ^b he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth ² be moved.

2 The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* ^o high above all the people.

3 Let them praise ^d thy great and terrible name; *for it is holy.*

4 ^e The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 ^f Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at ^g his footstool; *for* ^{3h} he *is* holy.

6 ⁱ Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they ^k called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 ¹ He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: ^m thou wast a God that forgavest them, though ⁿ thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9 ^o Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God *is* holy.

PSALM C.

1 *An exhortation to praise God cheerfully, 3 for his greatness, 4 and for his power.*

* A Psalm of ¹ praise.

MAKE ^a a joyful noise unto the LORD, ⁵ all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: ^b *it is* he *that* hath made us, ^c and not we ourselves; ^e *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

¹ Ps. 83. 18.
^m Ex. 18. 11.
Ps. 95. 3. &
96. 4.
ⁿ Ps. 34. 14.
& 37. 27. &
101. 3.
Amos 5. 15.
Rom. 12. 9.
^o Ps. 31. 23. &
37. 28. & 145.
20. Prov. 2. 8.
^p Ps. 37. 39, 40.
Dan. 3. 28. &
6. 22, 27.
^q Job 22. 28.
Ps. 112. 4.
Prov. 4. 18.
^r Ps. 33. 1.
^s Ps. 30. 4.
² Or, *to the memorial.*

^a Ps. 33. 3. &
96. 1.
Isai. 42. 10.
^b Ex. 15. 11.
Ps. 77. 14. &
86. 10. & 105.
5. & 136. 4.
& 139. 14.
^c Ex. 15. 6.
Isai. 59. 16.
& 63. 5.
^d Isai. 52. 10.
Luke 2. 30, 31.
^e Isai. 62. 2.
Rom. 3. 25, 26.
³ Or, *revealed.*
^f Luke 1. 54,
55, 72.
^g Isai. 49. 6.
& 52. 10.
Luko 2. 30,
31. & 3. 6.
Acts 13. 47.
& 28. 28.
^h Ps. 95. 1. &
100. 1.

¹ Num. 10. 10.
1 Chron. 15.
28. 2 Chron.
29. 27.

^m Ps. 96. 11, &c.

¹ Isai. 55. 12.

^m Ps. 96. 10, 13.

^a Ps. 93. 1.
^b Ex. 25. 22.
Ps. 18. 10.
& 80. 1.
³ Heb. *stagger.*
^o Ps. 97. 9.
^d Deut. 28. 58.
Rev. 15. 4.
^o Job 36. 5, 6, 7.

^f ver. 9.
^g 1 Chron. 28. 2.
Ps. 132. 7.
³ Or, *it is holy.*
^h Lev. 19. 2.
ⁱ Jer. 15. 1.
^k Ex. 14. 15.
& 15. 25.
1 Sam. 7. 9.
& 12. 18.
¹ Ex. 33. 9.

^m Num. 14. 20.
Jer. 46. 28.
Zeph. 3. 7.
ⁿ See Ex. 32. 2,
&c. Num. 20.
12, 24.
Deut. 9. 20.
^o ver. 5.
Ex. 15. 2.
Ps. 34. 3. &
118. 28.

* Ps. 145, title.
⁴ Or, *thanksgiving.*
^a Ps. 95. 1. &
98. 4.
⁵ Heb. *all the earth.*
^b Ps. 119. 73. &
139. 13, &c.
& 149. 2.
Eph. 2. 10.
^c Or, *and his we are.*
^o Ps. 95. 7.
Ezek. 34. 30,
31.

^d Ps. 66. 13. &
116. 17, 18, 19.

^e Ps. 136. 1, &c.

^a Heb. *to generation and generation*,
Ps. 89. 1.

^a Ps. 89. 1.

^b 1 Sam. 18. 14.

^c 1 Kin. 9. 4.
& 11. 4.

^a Heb. *thing of Belial*.

^d Ps. 97. 10.

^e Josh. 23. 6.
1 Sam. 12. 20,
21. Ps. 40. 4.
& 125. 5.

^f Matt. 7. 23.
2 Tim. 2. 19.

^g Ps. 18. 27.
Prov. 6. 17.

^h Or, *perfect in the way*,
Ps. 119. 1.

^h Heb. *shall not be established*.

^b Ps. 75. 10.
Jer. 21. 12.

ⁱ Ps. 48. 2, 8.

^g Or, *for*.
^{*} Ps. 61. 2. &
142. 2, 3.

^a Ex. 2. 23.
1 Sam. 9. 16.
Ps. 18. 6.

^b Ps. 27. 9. &
69. 17.

4 ^d Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

5 For the LORD *is* good; ^e his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* ² to all generations.

PSALM CI.

David maketh a vow and profession of godliness.

A Psalm of David.

^a **I** WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 I will ^b behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will ^c walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no ³ wicked thing before mine eyes: ^d I hate the work of them ^e that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not ^f know a wicked person.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: ^g him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh ^h in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies ⁱ shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will ^b early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers ⁱ from the city of the LORD.

PSALM CII.

1 *The prophet in his prayer maketh a grievous complaint.* 12 *He taketh comfort in the eternity and mercy of God.* 18 *The mercies of God are to be recorded.* 23 *He sustaineth his weakness by the unchangeableness of God.*

A Prayer ^e of the afflicted, ^{*} when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry ^a come unto thee.

2 ^b Hide not thy face from me in

the day *when* I am in trouble; ^c incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.

3 ^d For my days are consumed ² like smoke, and ^e my bones are burned as an hearth.

4 My heart is smitten, and ^f withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning ^g my bones cleave to my ^h skin.

6 ^h I am like ⁱ a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I ^k watch, and am as a sparrow ^l alone upon the house top.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are ^m mad against me are ⁿ sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and ^o mingled my drink with weeping,

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for ^p thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 ^q My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and ^r I am withered like grass.

12 But ^s thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and ^t thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, *and* ^u have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the ^v set time, is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in ^y her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

15 So the heathen shall ^z fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, ^a he shall appear in his glory.

17 ^b He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be ^c written for the generation to come: and ^d the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath ^e looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from

^c Ps. 71. 2. &
88. 2.

^d Ps. 119. 83.
Jam. 4. 14.

^e Or, (as some read) *into smoke*.

^f Job 30. 30.
Ps. 31. 10.
Lam. 1. 13.

^g Ps. 37. 2.
ver. 11.

^h Job 19. 20.
Lam. 4. 8.

ⁱ Or, *flesh*.

^j Job 30. 29.
^k Isai. 34. 11.
Zeph. 2. 14.

^l Ps. 77. 4.

^m Ps. 38. 11.

ⁿ Acts 26. 11.

^o Acts 23. 12.

^p Ps. 42. 3. &
80. 5.

^q Ps. 30. 7.

^r Job 14. 2.
Ps. 109. 23.
& 144. 4.
Eccles. 6. 12.

^s ver. 4.
Isai. 40. 6, 7, 8.
Jam. 1. 10.

^t ver. 26.
Ps. 9. 7.
Lam. 5. 19.

^u Ps. 135. 13.

^v Isai. 60. 10.
Zech. 1. 12.

^w Isai. 40. 2.

^x Ps. 79. 1.

^y 1 Kin. 8. 43.
Ps. 138. 4.
Isai. 60. 3.

^z Isai. 60. 1, 2.

^a Neh. 1. 6, 11.
& 2. 8.

^b Rom. 15. 4.
1 Cor. 10. 11.

^c Ps. 22. 31.
Isai. 43. 21.

^d Deut. 26. 15.
Ps. 14. 2. &
33. 13, 14.

^f Ps. 79. 11.^g Heb. *the children of death.*^h Ps. 22. 22.ⁱ Heb. *afflicted.*^j Job 21. 21.^k Isai. 38. 10.^l Ps. 90. 2.
Hab. 1. 12.^m Gen. 1. 1. &
2. 1.
Hebr. 1. 10.ⁿ Isai. 34. 4. &
51. 6. & 65. 17.
& 66. 22.
Rom. 8. 20.
3 Pet. 3. 7, 10,
11, 12.^o ver. 12.
^p Heb. *stand.*^q Mal. 3. 6.
Hebr. 13. 8.
Jam. 1. 17.^r Ps. 69. 36.^s ver. 22.
Ps. 104. 1.
& 146. 1.^t Ps. 130. 8.
Isai. 33. 24.
Matt. 9. 2, 6.
Mark 2. 5, 10,
11.^u Luko 7. 47.
^v Ex. 15. 26.
Ps. 147. 3.
Jer. 17. 14.^w Ps. 34. 22. &
56. 13.^x Ps. 5. 12.^y Isai. 40. 31.^z Ps. 146. 7.^{aa} Ps. 147. 19.

heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

20 ^fTo hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose ^gthose that are appointed to death;

21 To ^hdeclare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23 He ⁱweakened my strength in the way; he ^jshortened my days.

24 ^kI said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: ^lthy years *are* throughout all generations.

25 ^mOf old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

26 ⁿThey shall perish, but ^othou shalt ^pendure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But ^qthou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 ^rThe children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

PSALM CIII.

¹ *An exhortation to bless God for his mercy, 15 and for the constancy thereof.*

A Psalm of David.

BLESS ^athe LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 ^bWho forgiveth all thine iniquities; who ^chealeth all thy diseases;

4 Who ^dredeemeth thy life from destruction; ^ewho crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so that ^fthy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 ^gThe LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

7 ^hHe made known his ways unto

Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

8 ⁱThe LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and ^jplenteous in mercy.

9 ^kHe will not always chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

10 ^lHe hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 ^mFor ⁿas the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he ^oremoved our transgressions from us.

13 ^pLike as a father pitieth *his* children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; ^qhe remembereth that we *are* ^rdust.

15 *As for* man, ^shis days *are* as grass: ^tas a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and ^uit is gone; and ^vthe place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness ^wunto children's children;

18 ^xTo such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his ^ythrone in the heavens; and ^zhis kingdom ruleth over all.

20 ^aBless the LORD, ye his angels, ^bthat excel in strength, that ^cdo his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all ^dye ^ehis hosts; ^fye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

22 ^gBless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: ^hbless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM CIV.

¹ *A meditation upon the mighty power, 7 and wonderful providence of God. 31 God's glory is eternal. 33 The prophet voweth perpetually to praise God.*

ⁱ Ex. 34. 6, 7.
Num. 14. 18.
Dout. 5. 10.
Neh. 9. 17.
Ps. 86. 15.
Jer. 32. 18.^j Heb. *great of mercy.*^k Ps. 30. 5.
Isai. 57. 16.
Jer. 3. 5.
Mic. 7. 18.^l Ezra 9. 13.^m Ps. 57. 10.
Eph. 3. 18.ⁿ Heb. *according to the height of the heaven.*^o Isai. 43. 25.
Mic. 7. 18.^p Mal. 3. 17.^q Ps. 78. 39.^r Gen. 3. 19.
Eccles. 12. 7.^s Ps. 90. 5, 6.
1 Pet. 1. 24.
^t Job 14. 1, 2.
Jam. 1. 10, 11.^u Heb. *it is not.*
^v Job 7. 10. &
20. 9.^w Ex. 20. 6.^x Deut. 7. 9.^y Ps. 11. 4.^z Ps. 47. 2.
Dan. 4. 25,
34, 35.^a Ps. 148. 2.^b Heb. *mighty in strength*:
See Ps. 78. 25.^c Matt. 6. 10.
Hebr. 1. 14.^d Gen. 32. 2.
Josh. 5. 14.
Ps. 68. 17.^e Dan. 7. 9, 10.
Hebr. 1. 14.^f Ps. 145. 10.^g ver. 1.

^a Ps. 103. 1.
ver. 35.

^b Ps. 93. 1.

^c Dan. 7. 9.

^d Isai. 40. 22.
& 45. 12.

^e Amos 9. 6.

^f Isai. 19. 1.

^g Ps. 18. 10.

^h Hebr. 1. 7.

ⁱ 2 Kin. 2. 11.
& 6. 17.

^j Heb. *He hath
founded the
earth upon
her bases.*

^k Job 26. 7. &
38. 4. 6.
Ps. 24. 2. &
136. 6.
Eccles. 1. 4.

^l Gen. 7. 19.

^m Gen. 8. 1.

ⁿ Or, *The
mountains
ascend, the
valleys
descend.*

^o Gen. 8. 5.

^p Job 38. 10, 11.

^q Job 26. 10.

^r Ps. 33. 7.

^s Jer. 5. 22.

^t Gen. 9. 11, 15.

^u Heb. *Who
sendeth.*

^v Heb. *walk.*

^w Heb. *break.*

^x Heb. *give
a voice.*

^y Ps. 147. 8.

^z Ps. 65. 9, 10.

^{aa} Jer. 10. 13. &
14. 22.

^{ab} Gen. 1. 29, 30.
& 3. 18. & 9. 3.
Ps. 147. 8.

^{ac} Job 28. 5.
Ps. 136. 25.
& 147. 9.

^{ad} Judg. 9. 13.
Ps. 23. 5.
Prov. 31. 6, 7.

^{ae} Heb. *to make
his face shine
with oil, or,
more than oil.*

^{af} Num. 24. 6.

BLESS ^athe LORD, O my soul.
O LORD my God, thou art
very great; ^bthou art clothed with
honour and majesty.

2 ^cWho coverest *thyself* with light
as *with* a garment: ^dwho stretchest
out the heavens like a curtain:

3 ^eWho layeth the beams of his
chambers in the waters: ^fwho
maketh the clouds his chariot:
^gwho walketh upon the wings of
the wind:

4 ^hWho maketh his angels spirits;
ⁱhis ministers a flaming fire:

5 ^{2k}*Who* laid the foundations of
the earth, *that* it should not be re-
moved for ever.

6 ^lThou coveredst it with the deep
as *with* a garment: the waters stood
above the mountains.

7 ^mAt thy rebuke they fled; at the
voice of thy thunder they hasted
away.

8 ³ⁿThey go up by the mountains;
they go down by the valleys unto
^othe place which thou hast founded
for them.

9 ^pThou hast set a bound that they
may not pass over; ^qthat they turn
not again to cover the earth.

10 ^rHe sendeth the springs into
the valleys, *which* ^srun among the
hills.

11 They give drink to every beast
of the field: the wild asses ^tquench
their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the
heaven have their habitation, *which*
^using among the branches.

13 ^vHe watereth the hills from his
chambers: ^wthe earth is satisfied
with ^xthe fruit of thy works.

14 ^yHe causeth the grass to grow
for the cattle, and herb for the
service of man: that he may bring
forth ^zfood out of the earth;

15 And ^{aa}wine *that* maketh glad
the heart of man, and ^{ab}oil to make
his face to shine, and bread *which*
strengtheneth man's heart.

16 The trees of the LORD are full
of *sap*; the cedars of Lebanon,
^{ac}which he hath planted;

17 Where the birds make their

nests: *as for* the stork, the fir trees
are her house.

18 The high hills *are* a refuge for
the wild goats; *and* the rocks for
^{ad}the conies.

19 ^{ae}He appointed the moon for
seasons: the sun ^{af}knoweth his going
down.

20 ^{ag}Thou makest darkness, and it
is night: wherein ^{ah}all the beasts of
the forest do creep *forth*.

21 ^{ai}The young lions roar after their
prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather
themselves together, and lay them
down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto ^{aj}his work
and to his labour until the even-
ing.

24 ^{ak}O LORD, how manifold are thy
works! in wisdom hast thou made
them all: the earth is full of thy
riches.

25 *So is* this great and wide sea,
wherein *are* things creeping in-
numerable, both small and great
beasts.

26 There go the ships: *there is* that
^{al}leviathan, *whom* thou hast ^{am}made
to play therein.

27 ^{an}These wait all upon thee; that
thou mayest give *them* their meat
in due season.

28 *That* thou givest them they
gather: thou openest thine hand,
they are filled with good.

29 Thou hidest thy face, they are
troubled: ^{ao}thou takest away their
breath, they die, and return to their
dust.

30 ^{ap}Thou sendest forth thy spirit,
they are created: and thou renewest
the face of the earth.

31 The glory of the LORD ^{aq}shall
endure for ever: the LORD ^{ar}shall
rejoice in his works.

32 He looketh on the earth, and it
^{as}trembleth: ^{at}he toucheth the hills,
and they smoke.

33 ^{au}I will sing unto the LORD as
long as I live: I will sing praise
to my God while I have my being.

34 My meditation of him shall be
sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

^{av} Prov. 30. 26.

^{aw} Gen. 1. 14.

^{ax} Job 38. 12.

^{ay} Isai. 45. 7.

^{az} Heb. *all the
beasts thereof
do trample on
the forest.*

^{ba} Job 38. 39.
Joel 1. 20.

^{bb} Gen. 3. 19.

^{bc} Prov. 3. 19.

^{bd} Job 41. 1.

^{be} Heb. *formed.*

^{bf} Ps. 136. 25.
& 145. 15. &
147. 9.

^{bg} Job 34. 14, 15.
Ps. 146. 4.
Eccles. 12. 7.

^{bh} Isai. 32. 15.
Ezek. 37. 9.

^{bi} Heb. *shall be.*
^{bj} Gen. 1. 31.

^{bk} Hab. 3. 10.
^{bl} Ps. 144. 5.

^{bm} Ps. 63. 4. &
146. 2.

^a Ps. 37. 38.
Prov. 2. 22.

^r ver. 1.

35 Let ^athe sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. ^rBless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CV.

1 *An exhortation to praise God, and to seek out his works. 7 The story of God's providence over Abraham, 16 over Joseph, 23 over Jacob in Egypt, 26 over Moses delivering the Israelites, 37 over the Israelites brought out of Egypt, fed in the wilderness, and planted in Canaan.*

O ^aGIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: ^bmake known his deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: ^ctalk ye of all his wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: ^dseek his face evermore.

5 ^eRemember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He *is* the LORD our God: ^fhis judgments *are* in all the earth.

8 He hath ^gremembered his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations.

9 ^hWhich *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

11 Saying, ⁱUnto thee will I give the land of Canaan, ^jthe lot of your inheritance:

12 ^kWhen they were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, ^land strangers in it.

13 When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people;

14 ^mHe suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, ⁿhe reproveth kings for their sakes;

15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover ^ohe called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole ^pstaff of bread.

17 ^qHe sent a man before them, even Joseph, *who* ^rwas sold for a servant:

18 ^sWhose feet they hurt with fetters: ^the was laid in iron:

19 Until the time that his word came: ^uthe word of the LORD tried him.

20 ^vThe king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

21 ^wHe made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his ^xsubstance:

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.

23 ^yIsrael also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned ^zin the land of Ham.

24 And ^ahe increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 ^bHe turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

26 ^cHe sent Moses his servant; *and* Aaron ^dwhom he had chosen.

27 ^eThey shewed ^fhis signs among them, ^gand wonders in the land of Ham.

28 ^hHe sent darkness, and made it dark; and ⁱthey rebelled not against his word.

29 ^jHe turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30 ^kTheir land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

31 ^lHe spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, *and* lice in all their coasts.

32 ^mHe gave them hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land.

33 ⁿHe smote their vines also and their fig trees; *and* brake the trees of their coasts.

34 ^oHe spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number,

^o Gen. 41. 54.

^p Lev. 26. 26.
Isai. 3. 1.
Ezek. 4. 16.

^q Gen. 45. 5. & 50. 20.

^r Gen. 37. 28, 36.

^s Gen. 39. 20. & 40. 15.

^t Heb. *his soul came into iron.*

^u Gen. 41. 25.

^v Gen. 41. 14.

^w Gen. 41. 40.

^x Heb. *possession.*

^y Gen. 46. 6.

^z Ps. 78. 51. & 106. 22.

^a Ex. 1. 7.

^b Ex. 1. 8, &c.

^c Ex. 3. 10. & 4. 12, 14.

^d Num. 16. 5. & 17. 5.

^e Ex. 7. & 8, & 9, & 10, & 11, & 12.
Ps. 78. 43, &c.

^f Heb. *words of his signs.*

^g Ps. 106. 22.

^h Ex. 10. 22.

ⁱ Ps. 99. 7.

^j Ex. 7. 20.

^k Ps. 78. 44.

^l Ex. 8. 6.
Ps. 78. 45.

^m Ex. 8. 17, 24.
Ps. 78. 45.

ⁿ Ex. 9. 23, 25.
Ps. 78. 48.

^o Heb. *He gave their rain hail.*

^p Ps. 78. 47.

^q Ex. 10. 4, 13, 14.
Ps. 78. 46.

^a 1 Chron. 16. 8,—22.

Isai. 12. 4.

^b Ps. 145. 4, 5, 11.

^c Ps. 77. 12. & 119. 27.

^d Ps. 27. 8.

^e Ps. 77. 11.

^f Isai. 26. 9.

^g Luke 1. 72.

^h Gen. 17. 2. & 22. 16, &c. & 26. 3. & 28. 13. & 35. 11.
Luke 1. 73.
Hebr. 6. 17.

ⁱ Gen. 13. 15. & 15. 18.

^j Heb. *the cord.*

^k Gen. 34. 30.
Deut. 7. 7. & 26. 5.

^l Hebr. 11. 9.

^m Gen. 35. 5.

ⁿ Gen. 12. 17. & 20. 3, 7.

^p Ex. 12. 29.
Ps. 78. 51.
^q Gen. 49. 3.

^r Ex. 12. 35.

^s Ex. 12. 33.

^t Ex. 13. 21.
Neh. 9. 12.

^u Ex. 16. 12,
&c.
Ps. 78. 18, 27.
^x Ps. 78. 24, 25.

^y Ex. 17. 6.
Num. 20. 11.
Ps. 78. 15, 16.
1 Cor. 10. 4.

^z Gen. 15. 14.

^a Heb. *singing*.

^b Deut. 6. 10,
11. Josh. 13.
7, &c.
Ps. 78. 55.

^c Deut. 4. 1, 40.
& 6. 21,—25.

^d Heb.
Hallelujah.

^e Heb.
Hallelujah.

^f 1 Chron. 16.
34.

^g Ps. 107. 1. &
118. 1. & 136. 1.
^h Ps. 40. 5.

ⁱ Ps. 15. 2.

^j Acts 24. 16.
Gal. 6. 9.

^k Ps. 119. 132.

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36 ^p He smote also all the firstborn in their land, ^q the chief of all their strength.

37 ^r He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.

38 ^s Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

39 ^t He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

40 ^u *The people* asked, and he brought quails, and ^x satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 ^y He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.

42 For he remembered ^z his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with ^a gladness:

44 ^b And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;

45 ^c That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. ^d Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CVI.

1 *The psalmist exhorteth to praise God.* 4 *He prayeth for pardon of sin, as God did with the fathers.* 7 *The story of the people's rebellion, and God's mercy.* 47 *He concludeth with prayer and praise.*

PRAISE ye the LORD. ^e O ^f give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is good*: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 ^g Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, and he that ^h doeth righteousness at ⁱ all times.

4 ^j Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou bearest unto thy people*: O visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 ^k We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; ^l but provoked *him* at the sea, *even* at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless he saved them ^m for his name's sake, ⁿ that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 ^o He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so ^p he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he ^q saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 ^r And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 ^s Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

13 ^t They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

14 ^u But ^v lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15 ^w And he gave them their request; but ^x sent leanness into their soul.

16 ^y They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 ^z The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18 ^a And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

19 ^b They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus ^c they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They ^d forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

^e Lev. 26. 40.
^f 1 Kin. 8. 47.
Dan. 9. 5.

^g Ex. 14. 11, 12.

^h Ezek. 20. 14.

ⁱ Ex. 9. 16.

^j Ex. 14. 21.
Ps. 18. 15.
Nah. 1. 4.

^k Isai. 63. 11,
12, 13, 14.

^l Ex. 14. 30.

^m Ex. 14. 27, 28.
& 15. 5.

ⁿ Ex. 14. 31.
& 15. 1.

^o Ex. 15. 24. &
16. 2. & 17. 2.
Ps. 78. 11.

^p Heb. *They made haste, they forgot.*

^q Num. 11. 4,
33. Ps. 78. 18.
1 Cor. 10. 6.

^r Heb. *lusted a lust.*

^s Num. 11. 31.
Ps. 78. 29.

^t Isai. 10. 16.

^u Num. 16. 1,
&c.

^v Num. 16. 31,
32.
Deut. 11. 6.

^w Num. 16. 35,
46.

^x Ex. 32. 4.

^y Jer. 2. 11.
Rom. 1. 23.

^z Ps. 78. 11, 12.

^c Ps. 78. 51. &
105. 23, 27.

^d Ex. 32. 10, 11,
32. Deut. 9.
19, 25. & 10. 10.
Ezek. 20. 13.

^e Ezek. 13. 5.
& 22. 30.

^f Deut. 8. 7.
Jer. 3. 19.
Ezek. 20. 6.

^g Heb. *a land
of desire.*

^h Hebr. 3. 18.

ⁱ Num. 14. 2,
27.

^j Num. 14. 28,
&c. Ps. 95. 11.
Ezek. 20. 15.
Hebr. 3. 11, 18.

^k Ex. 6. 8.
Deut. 32. 40.

^l Heb. *To
make them
full.*

^m Lev. 26. 33.
Ps. 44. 11.
Ezek. 20. 23.

ⁿ Num. 25. 2, 3.
& 31. 16.

^o Deut. 4. 3. &
32. 17.

^p Hos. 9. 10.
Rev. 2. 14.

^q Num. 25. 7, 8.

^r Num. 25. 11,
12, 13.

^s Num. 20. 3,
13. Ps. 81. 7.

^t Num. 20. 12.
Deut. 1. 37. &
3. 26.

^u Num. 20. 10.

^v Judg. 1. 21,
27, 28, 29, &c.

^w Deut. 7. 2, 16.
Judg. 2. 2.

^x Judg. 2. 2. &
3. 5, 6.

^y Isai. 2. 6.
1 Cor. 5. 6.

^z Judg. 2. 12,
13, 17, 19. &
3. 6, 7.

^{aa} Ex. 23. 33.
Deut. 7. 16.

^{ab} Judg. 2. 3, 14,
15.

^{ac} 2 Kin. 16. 3.
Isai. 57. 5.

^{ad} Ezek. 16. 20.
& 20. 26.

^{ae} Lev. 17. 7.
Deut. 32. 17.

^{af} 2 Chron. 11.
15.

^{ag} 1 Cor. 10. 20.

^{ah} Num. 35. 33.

^{ai} Ezek. 20. 18,
30, 31.

^{aj} Lev. 17. 7.
Num. 15. 39.
Ezek. 20. 30.

22 Wondrous works in ^ethe land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.

23 ^dTherefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen ^estood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.

24 Yea, they despised ^fthe pleasant land, they ^gbelieved not his word:

25 ^hBut murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 ⁱTherefore he ^jlifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 ^kTo overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 ^lThey joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 ^mThen stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and *so* the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him ⁿfor righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32 ^oThey angered *him* also at the waters of strife, ^pso that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 ^qBecause they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 ^rThey did not destroy the nations, ^sconcerning whom the LORD commanded them:

35 ^tBut were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And ^uthey served their idols: ^vwhich were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, ^wthey sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto ^xdevils,

38 And shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and ^ythe land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they ^zdefiled with their own works, and ^{aa}went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Therefore ^ewas the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred ^fhis own inheritance.

41 And ^ghe gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 ^hMany times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their counsel, and were ⁱbrought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when ^jhe heard their cry:

45 ^kAnd he remembered for them his covenant, and ^lrepented ^maccording to the multitude of his mercies.

46 ⁿHe made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

47 ^oSave us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

48 ^pBlessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. ^qPraise ye the LORD.

PSALM CVII.

¹ *The psalmist exhorteth the redeemed, in praising God, to observe his manifold providence, 4 over travellers, 10 over captives, 17 over sick men, 23 over seamen, 33 and in divers varieties of life.*

O ^aGIVE thanks unto the LORD, for ^bhe is good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, ^cwhom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And ^dgathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and ^efrom the south.

4 They ^fwandered in ^gthe wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

^o Judg. 2. 14, &c.
Ps. 78. 59, 62.
^f Deut. 9. 29.

^g Judg. 2. 14.
Neh. 9. 27, &c.

^h Judg. 2. 16.
Neh. 9. 27, &c.

ⁱ Or, *im-
poverished,
or, weakened.*

^j Judg. 3. 9. &
4. 3. & 6. 7.
& 10. 10.
Neh. 9. 27, &c.

^k Lev. 26. 41,
42.

^l Judg. 2. 18.

^m Ps. 51. 1.
& 69. 16.

Isai. 63. 7.
Lam. 3. 32.

ⁿ Ezra 9. 9.
Jer. 42. 12.

^o 1 Chron. 16.
35, 36.

^p Ps. 41. 13.

^q Heb.
Hallelujah.

^a Ps. 106. 1.
& 118. 1. &
136. 1.

^b Ps. 119. 68.
Matt. 19. 17.

^c Ps. 106. 10.

^d Ps. 106. 47.
Isai. 43. 5, 6.
Jer. 29. 14. &
31. 8, 10.
Ezek. 39. 27,
28.

^e Heb. *from
the sea.*

^f ver. 40.

^g Deut. 32. 10.

^a ver. 13, 19, 28.
Ps. 50. 15.
Hos. 5. 15.

6 ^a Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.

^b Ezra 8. 21.

7 And he led them forth by the ^b right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

^c ver. 15, 21, 31.

8 ^c Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

^d Ps. 34. 10.
Luke 1. 53.

9 For ^d he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

^e Luke 1. 79.

10 Such as ^e sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *being* ^m bound in affliction and iron;

^m Job 36. 8.

ⁿ Lam. 3. 42.

11 Because they ⁿ rebelled against the words of God, and contemned ^a the counsel of the most High:

^a Ps. 73. 24. &
119. 24.
Luke 7. 30.
Acts 20. 27.

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and *there was* ^p none to help.

^p Ps. 22. 11.
Isai. 63. 5.
^q ver. 6, 19, 28.

13 ^q Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses.

^r Ps. 68. 6. &
146. 7.
Acts 12. 7, &c.
& 16. 26, &c.

14 ^r He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

^s ver. 8, 21, 31.

15 ^s Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

^t Isai. 45. 2.

16 For he hath ^t broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

^u Lam. 3. 39.

17 Fools ^u because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

^x Job 33. 20.

18 ^x Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they ^v draw near unto the gates of death.

^y Job 33. 22.
Ps. 9. 13. &
88. 3.

19 ^a Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saveth them out of their distresses.

^z ver. 6, 13, 28.

² Kin. 20. 4, 5.
Ps. 147. 15, 18.
Matt. 8. 8.

20 ^a He sent his word, and ^b healed them, and ^c delivered *them* from their destructions.

^b Ps. 30. 2. &
103. 3.

^c Job 33. 28, 30.
Ps. 30. 3. &
49. 15. & 56.
13. & 103. 4.

21 ^d Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

^d ver. 8, 15, 31.

^e Lev. 7. 12.
Ps. 50. 14. &
116. 17.
Hebr. 13. 15.

22 And ^e let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and ^f declare his works with ^g rejoicing.

^f Ps. 9. 11.
& 73. 28. &
118. 17.

^g Heb. *singing*.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and ² ^g raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: ^h their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and ³ are at their wit's end.

28 ⁱ Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 ^k He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 ⁱ Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him also ^m in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He ⁿ turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;

34 A ^o fruitful land into ⁴ barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 ^p He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

38 ^q He blesseth them also, so that they ^r are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are ^s minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

² Heb. *maketh to stand*.
³ Jonah 1. 4.

^h Ps. 22. 14. &
119. 28.
Nah. 2. 10.

³ Heb. *all their wisdom is swallowed up*.
ⁱ ver. 6, 13, 19.

^k Ps. 89. 9.
Matt. 8. 26.

ⁱ ver. 8, 15, 21.

^m Ps. 22. 22, 25.
& 111. 1.

ⁿ 1 Kin. 17. 1, 7.

^o Gen. 13. 10.
& 14. 3. &
19. 25.

⁴ Heb. *saltiness*.

^p Ps. 114. 8.
Isai. 41. 18.

^q Gen. 12. 2. &
17. 16, 20.
^r Ex. 1. 7.

^s 2 Kin. 10. 32.

^c Job 12. 21, 24.^a Or, void place.^u 1 Sam. 2. 8.
Ps. 113. 7, 8.³ Or, after.^x Ps. 78. 52.^y Job 22. 19.
Ps. 52. 6. &
58. 10.^z Job 5. 16.
Ps. 63. 11.
Prov. 10. 11.
Rom. 3. 19.^a Ps. 64. 9.
Jer. 9. 12.
Hos. 14. 9.

40 ^tHe poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the ²wilderness, *where there is no way.*

41 ^uYet setteth he the poor on high ³from affliction, and ^xmaketh *him* families like a flock.

42 ^yThe righteous shall see *it*, and rejoice: and all ^ziniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 ^aWhoso *is* wise, and will observe these *things*, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

PSALM CVIII.

1 *David encourageth himself to praise God.*
5 *He prayeth for God's assistance according to his promise.* 11 *His confidence in God's help.*

A Song or Psalm of David.

^a Ps. 57. 7.

O ^aGOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

^b Ps. 57. 8,—11.

2 ^bAwake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto the ⁴clouds.

^d Or, skies.^c Ps. 57. 5, 11.

5 ^cBe thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

^d Ps. 60. 5, &c.

6 ^dThat thy beloved may be delivered: save *with* thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; ^eJudah *is* my lawgiver;

^e Gen. 49. 10.

9 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

^f Ps. 60. 9.

10 ^fWho will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

11 *Wilt* not thou, O God, *who* hast

cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.

13 ^gThrough God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

^g Ps. 60. 12.

PSALM CIX.

1 *David, complaining of his slanderous enemies, under the person of Judas devoteth them.*
16 *He sheweth their sin.* 21 *Complaining of his own misery, he prayeth for help.* 29 *He promiseth thankfulness.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HOLD ^anot thy peace, O God of my praise;

^a Ps. 83. 1.

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the ²mouth of the deceitful ³are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

² Heb. mouth of deceit.
³ Heb. have opened themselves.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me ^bwithout a cause.

^b Ps. 35. 7. &
69. 4.
John 15. 25.

4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I *give myself* unto prayer.

5 And ^cthey have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

^c Ps. 35. 7, 12. & 38. 20.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him: and let ^dSatan stand at his right hand.

^d Zech. 3. 1.
^e Or, an adversary.

7 When he shall be judged, let him ^ebe condemned: and ^flet his prayer become sin.

^e Heb. go out guilty, or, wicked.

8 Let his days be few; and ^flet another take his ^goffice.

^f Prov. 28. 9.

9 ^gLet his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

^g Acts 1. 20.
^h Or, charge.
ⁱ Ex. 22. 24.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek *their bread* also out of their desolate places.

11 ^hLet the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.

^h Job 5. 5. & 18. 9.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.

13 ⁱLet his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their ^kname be blotted out.

ⁱ Job 18. 19. Ps. 37. 28.^k Prov. 10. 7.

¹ Ex. 20. 5.

^m Neh. 4. 5.
Jer. 18. 23.

ⁿ Job 18. 17.
Ps. 34. 16.

^o Ps. 34. 18.

^p Prov. 14. 14.
Ezek. 35. 6.

^q Num. 5. 22.
^r Heb. *within*
him.

^r Ps. 102. 11.
& 144. 4.

^s Hebr. 12. 12.

^t Ps. 22. 6, 7.

^u Matt. 27. 39.

^v Job 37. 7.

^y 2 Sam. 16. 11,
12.

^z Isai. 65. 14.

^a Ps. 35. 26. &
132. 18.

14 ¹Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother ^mbe blotted out.

15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may ⁿcut off the memory of them from the earth.

16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the ^obroken in heart.

17 ^pAs he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it ^qcome ²into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 *Let this be* the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy *is* good, deliver thou me.

22 For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone ^rlike the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My ^sknees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I became also ^ta reproach unto them: *when* they looked upon me ^uthey shook their heads.

26 Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

27 ^vThat they may know that this *is* thy hand; *that* thou, LORD, hast done it.

28 ^yLet them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let ^zthy servant rejoice.

29 ^aLet mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover

themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, ^bI will praise him among the multitude.

31 For ^che shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save *him* ²from those that condemn his soul.

PSALM CX.

¹ The kingdom, ⁴ the priesthood, ⁵ the conquest, ⁷ and the passion of Christ.

A Psalm of David.

THE ^aLORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 ^bThy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, ^cin the beauties of holiness ³from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and ^dwill not repent, ^eThou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord ^fat thy right hand shall strike through kings ^gin the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies; ^hhe shall wound the heads over ⁴many countries.

7 ⁱHe shall drink of the brook in the way: ^ktherefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM CXI.

¹ The psalmist by his example inciteth others to praise God for his glorious, ⁵ and gracious works. ¹⁰ The fear of God breedeth true wisdom.

PRAISE ye the LORD. ^aI will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

2 ^bThe works of the LORD *are* great, ^csought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work *is* ^dhonourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

^b Ps. 35. 18. & 111. 1.

^c Ps. 16. 8. & 73. 23. & 110. 5. & 121. 5.

^d Heb. *from the judges of his soul.*

^a Matt. 22. 44. Mark 12. 36. Luke 20. 42. Acts 2. 34. 1 Cor. 15. 25. Hebr. 1. 13. 1 Pet. 3. 22. See Ps. 45. 6, 7.

^b Judg. 5. 2.

^c Ps. 96. 9.

^d Or, *more than the womb of the morning: thou shalt have, &c.*

^e Num. 23. 19.

^f Hebr. 5. 6. & 6. 20. & 7. 17, 21. See Zech. 6. 13.

^g Ps. 16. 8.

^h Ps. 2. 5, 12. Rom. 2. 5. Rev. 11. 18.

ⁱ Ps. 68. 21. Hab. 3. 13.

^j Or, *great.*

^k Judg. 7. 5, 6.

^l Isai. 53. 12.

^a Heb. *Hallelujah.*

^b Ps. 35. 18. & 89. 5. & 107. 32. & 109. 30. & 149. 1.

^c Job 38. & 39. & 40. & 41. Ps. 92. 5. & 139. 14. Rev. 15. 3.

^d Ps. 143. 5.

^e Ps. 145. 4, 5, 10.

^o Ps. 86. 5. & 103. 8.

^h Heb. *prey*.
^f Matt. 6. 26, 33.

^g Rev. 15. 3.
^h Ps. 19. 7.

¹ Isai. 40. 8.
Matt. 5. 18.
^h Heb. *are established*.
^h Ps. 19. 9.
Rev. 15. 3.
¹ Matt. 1. 21.
Luke 1. 68.
^m Luke 1. 49.

ⁿ Deut. 4. 6.
Job 28. 28.
Prov. 1. 7. & 9. 10.
Eccles. 12. 13.
⁴ Or, *good success*, Prov. 3. 4.
^g Heb. *that do them*.

^g Heb. *Hallelujah*.
^a Ps. 128. 1.
^b Ps. 119. 16, 35, 47, 70, 143.

^o Ps. 25. 13. & 37. 26. & 102. 28.

^d Matt. 6. 33.

^o Job 11. 17.
Ps. 97. 11.

^f Ps. 37. 26.
Luke 6. 35.

^g Eph. 5. 15.
Col. 4. 5.

^f Heb. *judgment*.
^h Ps. 15. 5.

¹ Prov. 10. 7.
^k Prov. 1. 33.

¹ Ps. 57. 7.
^m Ps. 64. 10.

ⁿ Prov. 1. 33.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: ^othe LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given ^{2f}meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands *are* ^gverity and judgment; ^hall his commandments *are* sure.

8 ¹They ³stand fast for ever and ever, *and are* ^kdone in truth and uprightness.

9 ¹He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: ^mholy and reverend *is* his name.

10 ⁿThe fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: ⁴a good understanding have all they ^bthat do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM CXII.

1 *Godliness hath the promises of this life, 4 and of the life to come. 10 The prosperity of the godly shall be an eyesore to the wicked.*

^g PRAISE ye the LORD. ^aBlessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* ^bdelighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 ^oHis seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 ^dWealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 ^oUnto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 ^fA good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs ^gwith ⁷discretion.

6 Surely ^hhe shall not be moved for ever: ¹the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 ^kHe shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his ¹heart is fixed, ^mtrusting in the LORD.

8 His heart *is* established, ⁿhe

shall not be afraid, until he ^osee *his desire* upon his enemies.

9 ^pHe hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; ⁴his righteousness endureth for ever; ⁷his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 ^oThe wicked shall see *it*, and be grieved; ⁴he shall gnash with his teeth, and ^mmelt away: ²the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM CXIII.

1 *An exhortation to praise God for his excellency, 6 for his mercy.*

² PRAISE ye the LORD. ^aPraise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

2 ^bBlessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

3 ^oFrom the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name *is* to be praised.

4 The LORD *is* ^dhigh above all nations, *and* ^ohis glory above the heavens.

5 ^fWho *is* like unto the LORD our God, who ³delleth on high,

6 ^gWho humbleth *himself* to behold *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth!

7 ^hHe raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

8 That he may ¹set *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of his people.

9 ^kHe maketh the barren woman ⁴to keep house, *and to be* a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXIV.

An exhortation, by the example of the dumb creatures, to fear God in his church.

WHEN ^aIsrael went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob ^bfrom a people of strange language;

2 ^oJudah was his sanctuary, *and* Israel his dominion.

3 ^dThe sea saw *it*, and fled: ^oJordan was driven back.

4 ^fThe mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.

^o Ps. 59. 10. & 118. 7.

^p 2 Cor. 9. 9.
⁴ Deut. 24. 13. ver. 3.
^f Ps. 75. 10.

^a See Luke 13. 28.
⁴ Ps. 37. 12.
ⁿ Ps. 58. 7, 8.
² Prov. 10. 28. & 11. 7.

^g Heb. *Hallelujah*.
^a Ps. 135. 1.

^b Dan. 2. 20.

^o Isai. 59. 19.
Mal. 1. 11.

^d Ps. 97. 9. & 99. 2.
^o Ps. 8. 1.

^f Ps. 89. 6.

^g Heb. *exalteth himself to dwell*.

^g Ps. 11. 4. & 138. 6.
Isai. 57. 15.

^h 1 Sam. 2. 8.
Ps. 107. 41.

¹ Job 36. 7.

^k 1 Sam. 2. 5.
Ps. 68. 6.
Isai. 54. 1.
Gal. 4. 27.

⁴ Heb. *to dwell in an house*.

^a Ex. 13. 3.

^b Ps. 81. 5.
^o Ex. 6. 7. & 19. 6. & 25. 8. & 29. 45, 46.
Deut. 27. 9.
^d Ex. 14. 21.
Ps. 77. 16.
^o Josh. 3. 13, 16.
^f Ps. 29. 6. & 68. 16.
Hab. 3. 6.

^g Hab. 3. 8.

5 ^gWhat *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

^h Ex. 17. 6.
Num. 20. 11.
Ps. 107. 35.

8 ^hWhich turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM CXV.

1 *Because God is truly glorious, 4 and idols are vanity, 9 he exhorteth to confidence in God.*

12 *God is to be blessed for his blessings.*

^a See Isai. 48.
11.
Ezek. 36. 32.

NOT ^aunto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the heathen say, ^bWhere *is* now their God?

^b Ps. 42. 3, 10.
& 79. 10.
Joel 2. 17.

3 ^cBut our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

^c 1 Chron. 16.
26. Ps. 135. 6.
Dan. 4. 35.

4 ^dTheir idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

^d Deut. 4. 28.
Ps. 135. 15,
16, 17.
Jer. 10. 3, &c.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

^e Ps. 135. 18.
Isai. 44. 9,
10, 11.
Jonah 2. 8.
Hab. 2. 18, 19.

8 ^eThey that make them are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

^f See Ps. 118.
2, 3, 4. &
135. 19, 20.

9 ^fO Israel, trust thou in the LORD: ^ghe *is* their help and their shield.

^g Ps. 33. 20.
Prov. 30. 5.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.

12 The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless *us*; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

13 ^hHe will bless them that fear the LORD, *both* small ^aand great.

^h Ps. 128. 1, 4.

^a Heb. *with*.

14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15 Ye *are* ⁱblessed of the LORD ^kwhich made heaven and earth.

ⁱ Gen. 14. 19.

^k Gen. 1. 1.
Ps. 96. 5.

16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 ^lThe dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

^l Ps. 6. 5. &
88. 10, 11, 12.
Isai. 38. 18.

18 ^mBut we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

^m Ps. 113. 2.
Dan. 2. 20.

PSALM CXVI.

1 *The psalmist professeth his love and duty to God for his deliverance. 12 He studieth to be thankful.*

I ^aLOVE the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.

^a Ps. 18. 1.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him ³as long as I live.

3 ^bThe sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell ⁴gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

³ Heb. *in my days*.

^b Ps. 18. 4, 5, 6.

⁴ Heb. *found me*.

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 ^cGracious *is* the LORD, and ^drighteous; yea, our God *is* merciful.

^c Ps. 103. 8.

^d Ezra 9. 15.
Neh. 9. 8.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

Ps. 119. 137.
& 145. 17.

7 Return unto thy ^erest, O my soul; for ^fthe LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

^e Jer. 6. 16.
Matt. 11. 29.

^f Ps. 13. 6. &
119. 17.

8 ^gFor thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.

^g Ps. 56. 13.

9 I will walk before the LORD ^hin the land of the living.

^h Ps. 27. 13.

10 ⁱI believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

ⁱ 2 Cor. 4. 13.

11 ^kI said in my haste, ^lAll men are liars.

^k Ps. 31. 22.

^l Rom. 3. 4.

12 What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me?

^m ver. 18.
Ps. 22. 25.
Jonah 2. 9.

ⁿ Ps. 72. 14.

^o Ps. 119. 125.
& 143. 12.
^p Ps. 86. 16.

^q Lev. 7. 12.
Ps. 50. 14. &
107. 22.

^r ver. 14.

^s Ps. 96. 8.
& 100. 4. &
135. 2.

^a Rom. 15. 11.

^b Ps. 100. 5.

^a 1 Chron. 16. 8,
34. Ps. 106. 1.
& 107. 1. &
136. 1.

^b See Ps. 115.
9, &c.

^c Ps. 120. 1.
^d Heb. *out of*
distress.

^d Ps. 18. 19.
^e Ps. 27. 1. &
56. 4, 11. &
146. 5.
Isai. 51. 12.
Heb. 13. 6.
^f Heb. *for me.*
^f Ps. 54. 4.

18 I will take the cup of salvation,
and call upon the name of the LORD.

14 ^mI will pay my vows unto the
LORD now in the presence of all
his people.

15 ⁿPrecious in the sight of the
LORD *is* the death of his saints.

16 O LORD, truly ^oI *am* thy ser-
vant; I *am* thy servant, *and* ^rthe
son of thine handmaid: thou hast
loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to thee ^qthe sacrifice
of thanksgiving, and will call upon
the name of the LORD.

18 ^rI will pay my vows unto the
LORD now in the presence of all
his people,

19 In the ^scourts of the LORD's
house, in the midst of thee, O Je-
rusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXVII.

*An exhortation to praise God for his mercy
and truth.*

O ^aPRAISE the LORD, all ye
nations: praise him, all ye
people.

2 For his merciful kindness is
great toward us: and ^bthe truth of
the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise
ye the LORD.

PSALM CXVIII.

1 *An exhortation to praise God for his mercy.*
5 *The psalmist by his experience sheweth how
good it is to trust in God.* 19 *Under the type
of the psalmist the coming of Christ in his
kingdom is expressed.*

O ^aGIVE thanks unto the LORD;
for *he is* good: because his
mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 ^bLet Israel now say, that his
mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the LORD
say, that his mercy *endureth* for
ever.

5 ^cI called upon the LORD ^din dis-
tress: the LORD answered me, *and*
^d*set me* in a large place.

6 ^eThe LORD *is* ^fon my side; I will
not fear: what can man do unto
me?

7 ^fThe LORD taketh my part with

them that help me: therefore shall
^gI see *my desire* upon them that
hate me.

8 ^h*It is* better to trust in the LORD
than to put confidence in man.

9 ⁱ*It is* better to trust in the LORD
than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about:
but in the name of the LORD will I
^jdestroy them.

11 They ^kcompassed me about;
yea, they compassed me about:
but in the name of the LORD I will
destroy them.

12 They compassed me about ^llike
bees; they are quenched ^mas the
fire of thorns: for in the name of
the LORD I will ⁿdestroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me
that I might fall: but the LORD
helped me.

14 ^oThe LORD *is* my strength and
song, and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and sal-
vation *is* in the tabernacles of the
righteous: the right hand of the
LORD doeth valiantly.

16 ^oThe right hand of the LORD is
exalted: the right hand of the LORD
doeth valiantly.

17 ^pI shall not die, but live, and
^qdeclare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath ^rchastened me
sore: but he hath not given me over
unto death.

19 ^sOpen to me the gates of righ-
teousness: I will go into them, *and*
I will praise the LORD:

20 ^tThis gate of the LORD, ^uinto
which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee: for thou hast
^xheard me, and ^yart become my sal-
vation.

22 ^zThe stone *which* the builders
refused is become the head *stone* of
the corner.

23 ^zThis is the LORD's doing; it
is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD
hath made; we will rejoice and be
glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O
LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee,
send now prosperity.

^g Ps. 59. 10.

^h Ps. 40. 4. &
62. 8, 9.
Jer. 17. 5, 7.
ⁱ Ps. 146. 3.

^j Heb. *cut*
them off.
^k Ps. 88. 17.

^l Deut. 1. 44.

^m Eccles. 7. 6.
Nah. 1. 10.

ⁿ Heb. *cut*
down.

^o Ex. 15. 2.
Isai. 12. 2.

^o Ex. 15. 6.

^p Ps. 6. 5.
Hab. 1. 12.
^q Ps. 73. 28.

^r 2 Cor. 6. 9.

^s Isai. 26. 2.

^t Ps. 24. 7.
^u Isai. 35. 8.
Rev. 21. 27.
& 22. 14, 15.

^x Ps. 116. 1.
^y ver. 14.

^z Matt. 21. 42.
Mark 12. 10.
Luke 20. 17.
Acts 4. 11.
Eph. 2. 20.
1 Pet. 2. 4, 7.

^z Heb. *This*
is from the
LORD.

^a Matt. 21. 9.
& 23. 39.
Mark 11. 9.
Luke 19. 38.
See Zech. 4. 7.

26 ^a Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

^b Esth. 8. 16.
1 Pet. 2. 9.

27 God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us ^b light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.

^c Ex. 15. 2.
Isai. 25. 1.

28 Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: ^c *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

^d ver. 1.

29 ^d O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSALM CXIX.

This psalm containeth sundry prayers, praises, and professions of obedience.

Α ALEPH.

^a Or, *perfect*,
or, *sincere*.
^a Ps. 128. 1.

BLESSED are the ² undefiled in the way, ^a who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

^b 1 John 3. 9.
& 5. 18.

3 ^b They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

^c Job 22. 26.
1 John 2. 28.

6 ^c Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

^d ver. 171.

7 ^d I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned ³ thy righteous judgments.

^e Heb. *judgments of thy righteousness.*

8 I will keep thy statutes: O for-sake me not utterly.

Β BETH.

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

^c 2 Chron. 15.
15.
^f ver. 21, 118.
^g Ps. 37. 31.
Luke 2. 19, 51.

10 With my whole heart have I ^c sought thee: O let me not ^f wander from thy commandments.

11 ^g Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

^h ver. 26, 33,
64, 68, 108,
124, 135.
Ps. 25. 4.
ⁱ Ps. 34. 11.

12 Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: ^h teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I ⁱ declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.

15 I will ^k meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will ^l delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

Γ GIMEL.

17 ^m Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word.

18 ² Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

19 ⁿ I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

20 ^o My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgments at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, which do ^p err from thy commandments.

22 ^q Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did ^r meditate in thy statutes.

24 ^s Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* ³ my counsellors.

Δ DALETH.

25 ^t My soul cleaveth unto the dust: ^u quicken thou me according to thy word.

26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: ^x teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so ^y shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28 ^z My soul ⁴ melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

^k Ps. 1. 2.
ver. 23, 48, 78.

^l Ps. 1. 2.
ver. 35, 47,
70, 77.

^m Ps. 116. 7.

² Heb. *Reveal.*

ⁿ Gen. 47. 9.
1 Chron. 29.
15. Ps. 39. 12.
2 Cor. 5. 6.
Hebr. 11. 13.
^o Ps. 42. 1, 2.
& 63. 1. &
84. 2.
ver. 40, 131.

^p ver. 10, 110,
118.

^q Ps. 39. 8.

^r ver. 15.

^s ver. 77, 92.
³ Heb. *men of my counsel.*

^t Ps. 44. 25.

^u ver. 40.
Ps. 143. 11.

^x ver. 12.
Ps. 25. 4. & 27.
11. & 86. 11.

^y Ps. 145. 5, 6.

^z Ps. 107. 26.

⁴ Heb.
droppeth.

^a 1 Kin. 4. 29.
Isai. 60. 5.
2 Cor. 6. 11.

82 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt ^aenlarge my heart.

HE

^b ver. 12.

83 ^b Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it ^cunto the end.

^c ver. 112.
Matt. 10. 22.
Rev. 2. 26.

84 ^d Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.

^d ver. 73.
Prov. 2. 6.
Jam. 1. 6.

85 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I ^edelight.

^e ver. 16.

86 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to ^fcovetousness.

^f Ezek. 33. 31.
Mark 7. 21, 22.
Luke 12. 15.
1 Tim. 6. 10.
Hebr. 13. 5.

87 ^g ² Turn away mine eyes from ^h beholding vanity; and ⁱ quicken thou me in thy way.

^g Isai. 33. 15.
^h Hob. *Makes to pass.*

88 ^k Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.

^h Prov. 23. 5.
ⁱ ver. 40.
^k 2 Sam. 7. 25.

89 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments *are* good.

ⁱ ver. 20.
^m ver. 25, 37, 88, 107, 149, 156, 159.

40 Behold, I have ^llonged after thy precepts: ^mquicken me in thy righteousness.

VAU.

ⁿ Ps. 106. 4.
ver. 77.

41 ⁿ Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.

³ Or, *So shall I answer him that reproacheth me in a thing.*

42 ³ So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

⁴ Heb. *at large.*

45 And I will walk ⁴at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

^o Ps. 138. 1.
Matt. 10. 18, 19.
Acts 26. 1, 2.

46 ^o I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

^p ver. 16.

47 And I will ^pdelight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

^q ver. 15.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will ^qmeditate in thy statutes.

ZAIN.

^r ver. 74, 81, 147.

49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to ^rhope.

50 This *is* my ^acomfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me greatly ^tin derision: *yet* have I not ^udeclined from thy law.

^a Rom. 15. 4.

^t Jer. 20. 7.
^u Job 23. 11.
Ps. 44. 18.
ver. 157.

52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.

53 ^x Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

^x Ezra 9. 3.

54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 ^y I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law.

^y Ps. 63. 6.

56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

CHETH.

57 ^z *Thou art* my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

^z Ps. 16. 5.
Jer. 10. 16.
Lam. 3. 24.

58 I intreated thy ²favour with *my* whole heart: be merciful unto me ^aaccording to thy word.

² Heb. *face*,
Job 11. 19.

59 I ^bthought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

^a ver. 41.

^b Luke 15. 17, 18.

60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

61 The ³bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law.

³ Or, *companies.*

62 ^cAt midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

^c Acts 16. 25.

63 I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

64 ^d The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: ^e teach me thy statutes.

^d Ps. 33. 5.

^e ver. 12, 26.

TETH.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

67 ^f Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

^f ver. 71.
Jer. 31. 18, 19.
Hebr. 12. 11.

^a Ps. 106. 1. & 107. 1.
Matt. 19. 17.
^b ver. 12, 26.
^c Job 13. 4.
Ps. 109. 2.

68 Thou *art* ^agood, and doest good;
^bteach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have ⁱforged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart.

70 ^kTheir heart is as fat as grease; *but* I ^ldelight in thy law.

71 ^m*It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

72 ⁿThe law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

♪ JOD.

73 ^oThy hands have made me and fashioned me: ^pgive me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 ^qThey that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because ^rI have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* ^sright, and ^tthat thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be ^ufor my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 ^vLet thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for ^wthy law *is* my delight.

78 Let the proud ^xbe ashamed; ^yfor they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will ^zmeditate in thy precepts.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

♩ CAPH.

81 ^aMy soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* ^bI hope in thy word.

82 ^cMine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For ^dI am become like a bottle in the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy statutes.

84 ^eHow many *are* the days of thy servant? ^fwhen wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

^a Ps. 73. 26. & 84. 2.
^b ver. 74, 114.
^c ver. 123.
Ps. 69. 3.

^d Job 30. 30.

^e Ps. 39. 4.
^f Rev. 6. 10.

85 ^gThe proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments *are* ^hfaithful: ⁱthey persecute me ^jwrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.

88 ^kQuicken me after thy loving-kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

♪ LAMED.

89 ^lFor ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness *is* ^munto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it ⁿabideth.

91 They continue this day according to ^othine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.

92 Unless ^pthy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies.

96 ^qI have seen an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandment *is* exceeding broad.

♩ MEM.

97 O how love I thy law! ^rit *is* my meditation all the day.

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me ^swiser than mine enemies: for ^tthey *are* ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: ^ufor thy testimonies *are* my meditation.

100 ^vI understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have ^wrefrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

^a Ps. 35. 7.
Prov. 16. 27.

^b Heb. *faithfulness*.
^c ver. 78.
^d Ps. 35. 19. & 38. 19.

^e ver. 40.

^f Ps. 89. 2.
Matt. 24. 34, 35.
^g 1 Pet. 1. 25.
^h Heb. *to generation and generation*, Ps. 89. 1.

ⁱ Heb. *standeth*.
^j Jer. 33. 25.

^k ver. 24.

^l Matt. 5. 18. & 24. 35.

^m Ps. 1. 2.

ⁿ Deut. 4. 6, 8.
^o Heb. *it is ever with me*.

^p 2 Tim. 3. 15.

^q Job 32. 7, 8, 9.

^r Prov. 1. 15.

<p>^a Ps. 19. 10. Prov. 8. 11. ^b Heb. <i>palate</i>.</p> <p>^x ver. 128.</p> <p>^y Prov. 6. 23. ^z Or, <i>candle</i>.</p> <p>^a Neh. 10. 29.</p> <p>^a ver. 88.</p> <p>^b Hos. 14. 2. Hebr. 13. 15.</p> <p>^c ver. 12, 26.</p> <p>^d Job 13. 14.</p> <p>^e Ps. 140. 5. & 141. 9. ^f ver. 10, 21.</p> <p>^g Deut. 33. 4.</p> <p>^h ver. 77, 92, 174.</p> <p>ⁱ Heb. <i>to do</i>.</p> <p>^j ver. 33.</p> <p>^k Ps. 32. 7. & 91. 1. ^l ver. 81.</p> <p>^m Ps. 6. 8. & 139. 19. Matt. 7. 23.</p> <p>ⁿ Ps. 25. 2. Rom. 5. 5. & 9. 33. & 10. 11.</p> <p>^o ver. 21.</p> <p>^p Heb. <i>causest to cease</i>.</p> <p>^q Ezek. 22. 18.</p> <p>^r Hab. 3. 16.</p>	<p>103 ^u How sweet are thy words unto my ^v taste! <i>yea, sweeter</i> than honey to my mouth!</p> <p>104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore ^x I hate every false way.</p> <p> NUN.</p> <p>105 ^y Thy word <i>is</i> a ^z lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.</p> <p>106 ^a I have sworn, and I will perform <i>it</i>, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.</p> <p>107 I am afflicted very much: ^a quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.</p> <p>108 Accept, I beseech thee, ^b the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and ^c teach me thy judgments.</p> <p>109 ^d My soul <i>is</i> continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.</p> <p>110 ^e The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I ^f erred not from thy precepts.</p> <p>111 ^g Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for ^h they <i>are</i> the rejoicing of my heart.</p> <p>112 I have inclined mine heart ⁱ to perform thy statutes alway, ^j <i>even</i> unto the end.</p> <p> SAMECH.</p> <p>113 I hate <i>vain</i> thoughts: but thy law do I love.</p> <p>114 ^k Thou <i>art</i> my hiding place and my shield: ^l I hope in thy word.</p> <p>115 ^m Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.</p> <p>116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not ⁿ be ashamed of my hope.</p> <p>117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.</p> <p>118 Thou hast trodden down all them that ^o err from thy statutes: for their deceit <i>is</i> falsehood.</p> <p>119 Thou ^p puttest away all the wicked of the earth ^q <i>like</i> dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.</p> <p>120 ^r My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.</p>	<p> AIN.</p> <p>121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.</p> <p>122 Be ^r surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.</p> <p>123 ^s Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.</p> <p>124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and ^t teach me thy statutes.</p> <p>125 ^u I <i>am</i> thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.</p> <p>126 <i>It is</i> time for <i>thee</i>, LORD, to work: <i>for</i> they have made void thy law.</p> <p>127 ^x Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; <i>yea</i>, above fine gold.</p> <p>128 Therefore I esteem all <i>thy</i> precepts <i>concerning</i> all <i>things to be</i> right; <i>and</i> I ^y hate every false way.</p> <p> PE.</p> <p>129 Thy testimonies <i>are</i> wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.</p> <p>130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; ^z it giveth understanding unto the simple.</p> <p>131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I ^a longed for thy commandments.</p> <p>132 ^b Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, ^c <i>as</i> thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.</p> <p>133 ^d Order my steps in thy word: and ^e let not any iniquity have dominion over me.</p> <p>134 ^f Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.</p> <p>135 ^g Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and ^h teach me thy statutes.</p> <p>136 ⁱ Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.</p> <p> TZADDI.</p> <p>137 ^k Righteous <i>art</i> thou, O LORD, and upright <i>are</i> thy judgments.</p>	<p>^r Hebr. 7. 22.</p> <p>^a ver. 81, 82.</p> <p>^t ver. 12.</p> <p>^u Ps. 116. 16.</p> <p>^x ver. 72. Ps. 19. 10. Prov. 8. 11.</p> <p>^y ver. 104.</p> <p>^z Ps. 19. 7. Prov. 1. 4.</p> <p>^a ver. 20.</p> <p>^b Ps. 106. 4.</p> <p>^c 2 Thess. 1. 6, 7.</p> <p>^d Heb. <i>according to the custom towards those, &c.</i></p> <p>^e Ps. 17. 5.</p> <p>^f Ps. 19. 13. Rom. 6. 12.</p> <p>^g Luke 1. 74.</p> <p>^h Ps. 4. 6.</p> <p>ⁱ ver. 12, 26.</p> <p>^j Jer. 9. 1. & 14. 17. See Ezek. 9. 4.</p> <p>^k Ezra 9. 15. Neh. 9. 33. Jer. 12. 1. Dan. 9. 7.</p>
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¹ Ps. 19. 7, 8, 9.² Heb. *righteousness*.³ Heb. *faithfulness*.^m Ps. 69. 9.
John 2. 17.⁴ Heb. *cut me off*.ⁿ Ps. 12. 6.
& 18. 30. &19. 8.
Prov. 30. 5.⁵ Heb. *tried, or, refined*.^o ver. 151.Ps. 19. 9.
John 17. 17.⁶ Heb. *found me*.^p ver. 77.^q ver. 34, 73,
169.⁷ Or, *that I may keep*.^r Ps. 5. 3. & 88.
13. & 130. 6.^s ver. 74.^t Ps. 63. 1, 6.^u ver. 40, 154.^x Ps. 145. 18.^y ver. 142.^z Luke 21. 33.^a Lam. 5. 1.^b 1 Sam. 24. 15.
Ps. 35. 1.Mic. 7. 9.
^c ver. 40.^d Job 5. 4.^e Or, *Many*.

188 ¹Thy testimonies *that* thou hast commanded *are* ²righteous and very ³faithful.

189 ^mMy zeal hath ⁴consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 ⁿThy word *is* very ⁵pure : therefore thy servant loveth it.

141 I *am* small and despised : *yet* do not I forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* ^othe truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have ⁶taken hold on me : *yet* thy commandments *are* ^pmy delights.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting : ^qgive me understanding, and I shall live.

▷ KOPH.

145 I cried with *my* whole heart ; hear me, O LORD : I will keep thy statutes.

146 I cried unto thee ; save me, ^rand I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 ^rI prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried : ^sI hoped in thy word.

148 ^tMine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness : O LORD, ^uquicken me according to thy judgment.

150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief : they are far from thy law.

151 Thou *art* ^xnear, O LORD ; ^yand all thy commandments *are* truth.

152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them ^zfor ever.

▷ RESH.

153 ^aConsider mine affliction, and deliver me : for I do not forget thy law.

154 ^bPlead my cause, and deliver me : ^cquicken me according to thy word.

155 ^dSalvation *is* far from the wicked : for they seek not thy statutes.

156 ^eGreat *are* thy tender mercies,

O LORD : ^oquicken me according to thy judgments.

157 *Many are* my persecutors and mine enemies ; *yet* do I not ^rdecline from thy testimonies.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and ^swas grieved ; because they kept not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts : ^tquicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

160 ²Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning : and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

▷ SCHIN.

161 ¹Princes have persecuted me without a cause : but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor lying : *but* thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

165 ^kGreat peace have they which love thy law : and ³nothing shall offend them.

166 ¹LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies ; and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies : ^mfor all my ways *are* before thee.

▷ TAU.

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD : ⁿgive me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee : deliver me according to thy word.

171 ^oMy lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word : for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.

173 Let thine hand help me ; for ^pI have chosen thy precepts.

^o ver. 149.^r Ps. 44. 18.
ver. 51.^s ver. 136.
Ezek. 9. 4.^t ver. 88.² Heb. *The beginning of thy word is true*.¹ 1 Sam. 24. 11,
14. & 26. 18.
ver. 23.^k Prov. 3. 2.
Isai. 32. 17.³ Heb. *they shall have no stumbling-block*.¹ Gen. 49. 18.
ver. 174.^m Prov. 5. 21.ⁿ ver. 144.^o ver. 7.^p Josh. 24. 22.
Prov. 1. 29.
Luke 10. 42.

^a ver. 166.^r ver. 16, 24,
47, 77, 111.^a Isai. 53. 6.
Luke 15. 4. &c.
1 Pet. 2. 25.cir. 1058.
^a Ps. 118. 5.
Jonah 2. 2.^a Or, *What shall the deceitful tongue give unto thee? or, What shall it profit thee?*
^b Heb. added.^a Or, *It is as the sharp arrows of the mighty man, with coals of juniper.*^b Gen. 10. 2.
Ezek. 27. 13.
^c Gen. 25. 13.
1 Sam. 25. 1.
Jer. 49. 28, 29.^a Or, *a man of peace.*^a Or, *Shall I lift up mine eyes to the hills? whence should my help come?*
See Jer. 3. 23.^a Ps. 124. 8.
^b 1 Sam. 2. 9.
Prov. 3. 23, 26.
^c Ps. 127. 1.
Isai. 27. 3.^d Isai. 25. 4.
^e Ps. 16. 8. &
109. 31.^f Ps. 91. 5.
Isai. 49. 10.
Rev. 7. 16.^g Ps. 41. 2.
& 97. 10. &
145. 20.174 ^aI have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and ^rthy law *is* my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

176 ^aI have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM CXX.

1 *David prayeth against Doeg, 3 reproveth his tongue, 5 complaineth of his necessary conversation with the wicked.*

A Song of degrees.

IN ^amy distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, *and* from a deceitful tongue.3 ^aWhat shall be given unto thee? or what shall be ^bdone unto thee, thou false tongue?4 ^aSharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in ^bMesech, ^cthat I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

7 I *am* ^afor peace: but when I speak, they *are* for war.

PSALM CXXI.

The great safety of the godly, who put their trust in God's protection.

A Song of degrees.

I^a WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.2 ^aMy help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.3 ^bHe will not suffer thy foot to be moved: ^che that keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* ^dthy shade ^eupon thy right hand.6 ^fThe sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall ^gpreserve thy soul.8 The LORD shall ^hpreserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM CXXII.

1 *David professeth his joy for the church, 6 and prayeth for the peace thereof.*

A Song of degrees of David.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, ^aLet us go into the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is ^bcompact together:4 ^cWhither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto ^dthe testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.5 ^eFor there ²are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.6 ^fPray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.7 Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces.8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within thee.9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will ^gseek thy good.

PSALM CXXIII.

1 *The godly profess their confidence in God, 3 and pray to be delivered from contempt.*

A Song of degrees.

UNTO thee ^alift I up mine eyes, O thou ^bthat dwellest in the heavens.2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the proud.^a Deut. 28. 6.
Prov. 2. 8. &
3. 6.^a Isai. 2. 3.
Zech. 8. 21.^b See 2 Sam.
5. 9.^c Ex. 23. 17.
Deut. 16. 16.
^d Ex. 16. 34.^e Deut. 17. 8.
2 Chron. 19. 8.
^f Heb. *do sit.*^f Ps. 51. 18.^g Neh. 2. 10.^a Ps. 121. 1. &
141. 8.^b Ps. 2. 4. &
11. 4. & 115. 3.

PSALM CXXIV.

The church blesseth God for a miraculous deliverance.

A Song of degrees of David.

^a Ps. 129. 1.

IF *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, ^anow may Israel say;

² If *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

^b Ps. 56. 1, 2. & 57. 3.
Prov. 1. 12.

³ Then they had ^bswallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

⁴ Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

⁵ Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

⁶ Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.

^c Ps. 91. 3.
Prov. 6. 5.

⁷ Our soul is escaped ^cas a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

^d Ps. 121. 2.

^e Gen. 1. 1.
Ps. 134. 3.

⁸ ^dOur help *is* in the name of the LORD, ^ewho made heaven and earth.

PSALM CXXV.

¹ *The safety of such as trust in God.* ⁴ *A prayer for the godly, and against the wicked.*

A Song of degrees.

THEY that trust in the LORD *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but* abideth for ever.

² *As* the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

^a Prov. 22. 8.
Isai. 14. 5.
^b Heb.
wickedness.

³ For ^athe rod of ^athe wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

⁴ Do good, O LORD, unto *those that be* good, and to *them that are* upright in their hearts.

^b Prov. 2. 15.

⁵ As for such as turn aside unto their ^bcrooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: *but* ^cpeace *shall be* upon Israel.

^c Ps. 128. 6.
Gal. 6. 16.

PSALM CXXVI.

¹ *The church, celebrating her incredible return out of captivity,* ⁴ *prayeth for, and prophesieth the good success thereof.*

A Song of degrees.

WHEN the LORD ²turned again the captivity of Zion, ^awe were like them that dream.

² Then ^bwas our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD ³hath done great things for them.

³ The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

⁴ Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

⁵ ^cThey that sow in tears shall reap in ^djoy.

⁶ He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing ^eprecious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

^a Heb. returned the returning of Zion, Ps. 53. 6. & 85. 1.
Hos. 6. 11.
Joel 3. 1.
^b Acts 12. 9.
^c Job 8. 21.
^d Heb. hath magnified to do with them.

^e See Jer. 31. 9. &c.
^f Or, singing.

^g Or, seed basket.

PSALM CXXVII.

¹ *The virtue of God's blessing.* ³ *Good children are his gift.*

A Song of degrees ⁶for Solomon.

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, they labour in vain ⁷that build it: except ^athe LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

² *It is* vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to ^beat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved sleep.

³ Lo, ^cchildren *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* ^dthe fruit of the womb *is* his reward.

⁴ As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.

⁵ Happy *is* the man that ⁸hath his quiver full of them: ^ethey shall not be ashamed, but they ⁹shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

^a Or, of Solomon, Ps. 72, title.

^b Heb. that are builders of it in it.
^c Ps. 121. 3, 4, 5.

^d Gen. 3. 17, 19.

^e Gen. 33. 5. & 48. 4.
Josh. 24. 3, 4.
^f Deut. 28. 4.

^g Heb. hath filled his quiver with them.
^h See Job 5. 4. Prov. 27. 11.
ⁱ Or, shall subdue, as Ps. 18. 47. or, destroy.

PSALM CXXVIII.

The sundry blessings which follow them that fear God.

A Song of degrees.

BLESSED ^ais every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

² ^bFor thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou be, and *it shall be* well with thee.

^a Ps. 112. 1. & 115. 13. & 119. 1.

^b Isai. 3. 10.

^c Ezek. 19. 10.^d Ps. 52. 8. & 144. 12.^e Ps. 134. 3.^f Gen. 50. 23.

Job 42. 16.

^g Ps. 125. 5.^h Or, Much.ⁱ See Ezek. 23. 3. Hos. 2. 15. & 11. 1.^j Ps. 124. 1.^k Ps. 37. 2.^l Ruth 2. 4. Ps. 118. 26.^m Lam. 3. 55. Jonah 2. 2.

8 Thy wife *shall be* ^c as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house : thy children ^d like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

5 ^e The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion : and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt ^f see thy children's children, and ^g peace upon Israel.

PSALM CXXIX.

1 *An exhortation to praise God for saving Israel in their great afflictions.* 5 *The haters of the church are cursed.*

A Song of degrees.

² **M**ANY a time have they afflicted me from ^a my youth, ^b may Israel now say :

2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth : yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The plowers plowed upon my back : they made long their furrows.

4 The LORD *is* righteous : he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

6 Let them be as ^c the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up :

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand ; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

8 Neither do they which go by say, ^d The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you : we bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSALM CXXX.

1 *The psalmist professeth his hope in prayer, 5 and his patience in hope.* 7 *He exhorteth Israel to hope in God.*

A Song of degrees.

OUT ^a of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

2 Lord, hear my voice : let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

8 ^b If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand ?

4 But *there is* ^c forgiveness with thee, that ^d thou mayest be feared.

5 ^e I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and ^f in his word do I hope.

6 ^g My soul *waiteth* for the LORD more than they that watch for the morning : ^h *I say, more than they* that watch for the morning.

7 ⁱ Let Israel hope in the LORD : for ^j with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption.

8 And ^k he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PSALM CXXXI.

1 *David, professing his humility, 3 exhorteth Israel to hope in God.*

A Song of degrees of David.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty : ^a neither do I ³ exercise myself in great matters, or in things too ⁴ high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted ⁵ myself, ^b as a child that is weaned of his mother : my soul *is* even as a weaned child.

3 ^c Let Israel hope in the LORD ⁶ from henceforth and for ever.

PSALM CXXXII.

1 *David in his prayer commendeth unto God the religious care he had for the ark.* 8 *His prayer at the removing of the ark, 11 with a repetition of God's promises.*

A Song of degrees.

LORD, remember David, *and* all his afflictions :

2 How he swore unto the LORD, ^a *and* vowed unto ^b the mighty God of Jacob ;

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed ;

4 I will ^c not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eyelids,

5 Until I ^d find out a place for the LORD, ^e an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it ^f at Ephratah : ^g we found it ^h in the fields of the wood.

^b Ps. 143. 2. Rom. 3. 20, 23, 24.^c Ex. 34. 7.^d 1 Kin. 8. 40.

Ps. 2. 11.

Jer. 33. 8, 9.

^e Ps. 27. 14. & 33. 20. & 40. 1.

Isai. 8. 17. & 26. 8. & 30. 18.

^f Ps. 119. 81.^g Ps. 63. 6. & 119. 147.^h Or, *which**watch unto**the morning.*ⁱ Ps. 131. 3.^j Ps. 86. 5, 15.

Isai. 55. 7.

^k Ps. 103. 3, 4.

Matt. 1. 21.

^a Rom. 12. 16.³ Heb. *walk.*⁴ Heb.*wonderful,*

Job 42. 3.

Ps. 139. 6.

⁵ Heb. *my soul.*^b Matt. 18. 3.

1 Cor. 14. 20.

^c Ps. 130. 7.^d Heb. *from**now.*

cir. 1004.

^a Ps. 65. 1.^b Gen. 49. 24.^c Prov. 6. 4.^d Acts 7. 46.^e Heb.*habitations.*^f 1 Sam. 17. 12.^g 1 Sam. 7. 1.^h 1 Chron. 13. 5.

^h Ps. 5. 7. & 99. 5.
ⁱ Num. 10. 35.
² Chron. 6. 41, 42.
^k Ps. 78. 61.
^l Job 29. 14.
ver. 16.
Isai. 61. 10.

^m Ps. 89. 3, 4, 33, &c.
& 110. 4.
ⁿ 2 Sam. 7. 12.
¹ Kin. 8. 25.
² Chron. 6. 16.
Luko 1. 69.
Acts 2. 30.
³ Heb. *thy belly*.

^o Ps. 48. 1, 2.

^p Ps. 68. 16.

^q Ps. 147. 14.
^r Or, *surely*.

^r 2 Chron. 6. 41.
ver. 9.
Ps. 149. 4.
^s Hos. 11. 12.

^t Ezek. 29. 21.
Luko 1. 69.
^u See 1 Kin. 11. 36. & 15. 4.
² Chron. 21. 7.
^v Or, *candle*.
^x Ps. 35. 26.
& 109. 29.

^a Gen. 13. 8.
Hebr. 13. 1.
^b Heb. *even together*.
^c Ex. 30. 25, 30.

^d Deut. 4. 48.

^e Lev. 25. 21.
Deut. 28. 8.
Ps. 42. 8.

7 We will go into his tabernacles :
^h we will worship at his footstool.

8 ⁱ Arise, O LORD, into thy rest ;
thou, and ^k the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests ^l be clothed with
righteousness ; and let thy saints
shout for joy.

10 For thy servant David's sake
turn not away the face of thine
anointed.

11 ^m The LORD hath sworn *in* truth
unto David ; he will not turn from
it ; ⁿ Of the fruit of ² thy body will
I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my
covenant and my testimony that I
shall teach them, their children
shall also sit upon thy throne for
evermore.

13 ^o For the LORD hath chosen
Zion ; he hath desired *it* for his
habitation.

14 ^p This *is* my rest for ever : here
will I dwell ; for I have desired it.

15 ^q I will ³ abundantly bless her
provision : I will satisfy her poor
with bread.

16 ^r I will also clothe her priests
with salvation : ^s and her saints shall
shout aloud for joy.

17 ^t There will I make the horn of
David to bud : ^u I have ordained a
⁴ lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I ^x clothe with
shame : but upon himself shall his
crown flourish.

PSALM CXXXIII.

The benefit of the communion of saints.

A Song of degrees of David.

BEHOLD, how good and how
pleasant *it is* for ^a brethren to
dwell ^b together in unity !

2 *It is* like ^b the precious ointment
upon the head, that ran down upon
the beard, *even* Aaron's beard : that
went down to the skirts of his
garments ;

3 As the dew of ^c Hermon, *and as*
the dew that descended upon the
mountains of Zion : for ^d there the
LORD commanded the blessing, *even*
life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIV.

An exhortation to bless God.

A Song of degrees.

BEHOLD, bless ye the LORD,
^a all *ye* servants of the LORD,
^b which by night stand in the house
of the LORD.

2 ^c Lift up your hands ² *in* the sanc-
tuary, and bless the LORD.

3 ^d The LORD that made heaven
and earth ^e bless thee out of Zion.

PSALM CXXXV.

1 *An exhortation to praise God for his mercy,*
5 for his power, 8 for his judgments. 15 The
vanity of idols. 19 An exhortation to bless
God.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye
the name of the LORD ; ^a praise
him, O ye servants of the LORD.

2 ^b Ye that stand in the house of
the LORD, in ^c the courts of the
house of our God,

3 Praise the LORD ; for ^d the LORD
is good : sing praises unto his name ;
^e for *it is* pleasant.

4 For ^f the LORD hath chosen Ja-
cob unto himself, *and* Israel for his
peculiar treasure.

5 For I know that ^g the LORD *is*
great, and *that* our Lord *is* above
all gods.

6 ^h Whatsoever the LORD pleased,
that did he in heaven, and in earth,
in the seas, and all deep places.

7 ⁱ He causeth the vapours to as-
cend from the ends of the earth ;
^k he maketh lightnings for the rain ;
he bringeth the wind out of his
^l treasuries.

8 ^m Who smote the firstborn of
Egypt, ³ both of man and beast.

9 ⁿ *Who* sent tokens and wonders
into the midst of thee, O Egypt,
^o upon Pharaoh, and upon all his
servants.

10 ^p Who smote great nations, and
slew mighty kings ;

11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and
Og king of Bashan, and ^q all the
kingdoms of Canaan :

12 ^r And gave their land *for* an
heritage, an heritage unto Israel his
people.

^a Ps. 135. 1, 2.
^b 1 Chron. 9. 33.

^c 1 Tim. 2. 8.
^d Or, *in holiness*.

^d Ps. 124. 8.
^e Ps. 128. 5.
& 135. 21.

^a Ps. 113. 1.
& 134. 1.

^b Luke 2. 37.
^c Ps. 92. 13.
& 96. 8. &
116. 19.
^d Ps. 119. 68.

^e Ps. 147. 1.
^f Ex. 19. 5.
Deut. 7. 6, 7.
& 10. 15.

^g Ps. 95. 3. &
97. 9.

^h Ps. 115. 3.

ⁱ Jer. 10. 13.
& 51. 16.

^k Job 28. 25, 26.
& 38. 24, &c.
Zech. 10. 1.

^l Job 38. 22.

^m Ex. 12. 12, 29.
Ps. 78. 51.
& 136. 10.

ⁿ Heb. *from man unto beast*.

^o Ex. 7. & 8, &
9, & 10, & 14.
^p Ps. 136. 15.

^q Num. 21. 24,
25, 26, 34, 35.
Ps. 136. 17, &c.

^r Josh. 12. 7.

^r Ps. 78. 55. &
136. 21, 22.

^a Ex. 3. 15.
Ps. 102. 12.

^b Heb. *to generation and generation.*
^c Deut. 32. 36.

^a Ps. 115. 4, 5,
6, 7, 8.

^a Ps. 115. 9, &c.

^f Ps. 134. 3.

^a Ps. 106. 1.
& 107. 1. &
118. 1.

^b 1 Chron. 16.
34, 41.
2 Chron. 20.
21.

^c Deut. 10. 17.

^d Ps. 72. 18.

^e Gen. 1. 1.
Prov. 3. 19.
Jer. 51. 15.

^f Gen. 1. 9.
Ps. 24. 2.
Jer. 10. 12.

^g Gen. 1. 14.

^h Gen. 1. 16.
ⁱ Heb. *for the rulings by day.*

13 ^a Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever; *and* thy memorial, O LORD, ² throughout all generations.

14 ⁱ For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

15 ^a The idols of the heathen *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;

17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them: *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

19 ^a Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron:

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD ^y out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXXXVI.

An exhortation to give thanks to God for particular mercies.

O ^a GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: ^b for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 O give thanks unto ^c the God of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 To him ^d who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 ^e To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

6 ^f To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

7 ^g To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

8 ^h The sun ³ to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

10 ⁱ To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

11 ^k And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

12 ^l With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

13 ^m To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

15 ⁿ But ² overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

16 ^o To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

17 ^p To him which smote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

18 ^q And slew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

19 ^r Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

20 ^s And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

21 ^t And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

22 *Even* an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

23 Who ^u remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

25 ^v Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSALM CXXXVII.

¹ *The constancy of the Jews in captivity.* ⁷ *The prophet curseth Edom and Babel.*

BY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

¹ Ex. 12. 29.
Ps. 135. 8.

^k Ex. 12. 51.
& 13. 3, 17.

^l Ex. 6. 6.

^m Ex. 14. 21, 22.
Ps. 78. 13.

ⁿ Ex. 14. 27.
Ps. 135. 9.
^o Heb. *shaked off.*

^o Ex. 13. 18.
& 15. 22.
Deut. 8. 15.

^p Ps. 135. 10,
11.

^q Deut. 29. 7.

^r Num. 21. 21.

^s Num. 21. 33.

^t Josh. 12. 1, &c.
Ps. 135. 12.

^u Gen. 8. 1.
Deut. 32. 36.
Ps. 113. 7.

^v Ps. 104. 27.
& 145. 15. &
147. 9.

² We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

³ For there they that carried us away captive required of us ² a song; and they that ³ wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

⁴ How shall we sing the LORD's song in a ⁴ strange land?

⁵ If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning*.

⁶ If I do not remember thee, let my ^b tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above ⁵ my chief joy.

⁷ Remember, O LORD, ^c the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, ⁶ Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

⁸ O daughter of Babylon, ^d who art to be ⁷ destroyed; happy *shall he be*, ⁸ that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

⁹ Happy *shall he be*, that taketh and ^f dasheth thy little ones against ⁹ the stones.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

¹ David praiseth God for the truth of his word. ⁴ He prophesieth that the kings of the earth shall praise God. ⁷ He professeth his confidence in God.

A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: ^a before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

² ^b I will worship ^c toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast ^d magnified thy word above all thy name.

³ In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me *with strength* in my soul.

⁴ ^e All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

⁵ Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great *is* the glory of the LORD.

⁶ ^f Though the LORD *be* high, yet ^g hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

⁷ ^h Though I walk in the midst of

trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

⁸ ⁱ The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: ^k forsake not the works of thine own hands.

PSALM CXXXIX.

¹ David praiseth God for his allseeing providence, ¹⁷ and for his infinite mercies. ¹⁹ He defieth the wicked. ²³ He prayeth for sincerity.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

O LORD, ^a thou hast searched me, and known *me*.

² ^b Thou knowest my downsit-ting and mine uprising, thou ^c understandest my thought afar off.

³ ^d Thou ² compassedst my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways.

⁴ For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, ^e thou knowest it altogether.

⁵ Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

⁶ ^f Such knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *at-tain* unto it.

⁷ ^g Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

⁸ ^h If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: ⁱ if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.

⁹ *If* I take the wings of the morn-ing, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

¹⁰ Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

¹² Yea, ^k the darkness ³ hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: ⁴ the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to thee*.

¹³ For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made:

^a Heb. *the words of a song.*

^b Heb. *laid us on heaps.*

^c Ps. 79. 1.

^d Heb. *land of a stranger?*

^e Ezek. 3. 26.

^f Heb. *the head of my joy.*

^g Jer. 49. 7, &c.

Lam. 4. 22.

Ezek. 25. 12.

Obad. 10, &c.

^h Heb. *Make bare.*

ⁱ Isai. 13. 1, 6,

&c. & 47. 1.

Jer. 25. 12.

& 50. 2.

^j Heb. *wasted.*

^k Heb. *that re-*

compenseth

unto thee thy

deed which

thou didst

to us.

^l Jer. 50. 15, 29.

Rev. 18. 6.

^m Isai. 13. 16.

ⁿ Heb. *the rock.*

^a Ps. 119. 46.

^b Ps. 28. 2.

^c 1 Kin. 8. 29,

30. Ps. 5. 7.

^d Isai. 42. 21.

^e Ps. 102. 15, 22.

^f Ps. 113. 5, 6.

Isai. 57. 15.

^g Prov. 3. 34.

Jam. 4. 6.

1 Pet. 5. 5.

^h Ps. 23. 3, 4.

ⁱ Ps. 57. 2.
Phil. 1. 6.

^k See Job 10.
3, 8. & 14. 15.

^a Ps. 17. 3.
Jer. 12. 3.

^b 2 Kin. 19. 27.

^c Matt. 9. 4.
John 2. 24, 25.

^d Job 31. 4.

^e Or, *win-*
nowest.

^f Hebr. 4. 13.

^g Job 42. 3.
Ps. 40. 5. &
131. 1.

^h Jer. 23. 24.
Jonah 1. 3.

ⁱ Amos 9. 2, 3, 4.

^j Job 26. 6.
Prov. 15. 11.

^k Job 26. 6.

& 34. 22.

Dan. 2. 22.

Hebr. 4. 13.

^l Heb. *darken-*

eth not.

^m Heb. *as is the*
darkness, so is
the light.

^a Heb. *greatly*.¹ Job 10. 8, 9.
Eccles. 11. 5.^a Or, *strength*,
or, *body*.^a Heb. *all of*
them.^a Or, *what days*
they should
be fashioned.^m Ps. 40. 5.ⁿ Isai. 11. 4.^o Ps. 119. 115.^p Jude 15.^q 2 Chron. 19. 2.
Ps. 119. 158.^r Job 31. 6.
Ps. 26. 2.^a Heb. *way of*
pain, or, *grief*.
^a Ps. 5. 8. &
143. 10.^a ver. 4.⁷ Heb. *man of*
violences.^b Ps. 56. 6.^o Ps. 58. 4.
Rom. 3. 13.^d Ps. 71. 4.^e ver. 1.

marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth ²right well.

15 ¹My ³substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book ⁴all *my members* were written, ⁵*which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

17 ^mHow precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18 *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt ⁿslay the wicked, O God: ^odepart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they ^pspeak against thee wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.

21 ^qDo not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 ^rSearch me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if *there be any* ⁶wicked way in me, and ^alead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXL.

¹ David prayeth to be delivered from Saul and Doeg. ⁸ He prayeth against them. ¹² He comforteth himself by confidence in God.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man: ^apreserve me from the ⁷violent man;

2 Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; ^bcontinually are they gathered together *for* war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; ^c'adders' poison *is* under their lips. Selah.

4 ^dKeep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; ^epreserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 ^fThe proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

7 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; ^{2s}*lest* they exalt themselves. Selah.

9 *As for* the head of those that compass me about, ^hlet the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 ⁱLet burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11 Let not ³⁴an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*.

12 I know that the LORD will ^kmaintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSALM CXLI.

¹ David prayeth that his suit may be acceptable, ³ his conscience sincere, ⁷ and his life safe from snares.

A Psalm of David.

LORD, I cry unto thee: ^amake haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let ^bmy prayer be ⁵set forth before thee ^oas incense; *and* ^dthe lifting up of my hands ^eas the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: ^fand let me not eat of their dainties.

5 ^gLet the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head:

^f Ps. 35. 7. &
57. 6. & 119.
110. & 141. 9.
Jer. 18. 22.

^g Or, *let them*
not be exalted.
^h Deut. 32. 27.

ⁱ Ps. 7. 16. &
94. 23.
Prov. 12. 13.
& 18. 7.

^j Ps. 11. 6.

^k Heb. *a man*
of tongue.

^l Or, *an evil*
speaker, a
wicked man
of violence, be
established in
the earth:
let him be
hunted to his
overthrow.

^m 1 Kin. 8. 45.
Ps. 9. 4.

ⁿ Ps. 70. 5.

^o Rev. 5. 8.
& 8. 3, 4.

^p Heb. *directed*.

^q Rev. 8. 3.

^r Ps. 134. 2.
1 Tim. 2. 8.

^s Ex. 29. 39.

^t Prov. 23. 6.

^u Prov. 9. 8.
& 19. 25. &
25. 12.
Gal. 6. 1.

^v Or, *Let the*
righteous
smite me
kindly, and
reprove me;
let not their
precious oil
break my
head, &c.

for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered ^hat the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.

8 But ⁱmine eyes *are* unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust; ²leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from ^kthe snares *which* they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 ¹Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal ³escape.

PSALM CXLII.

David sheweth that in his trouble all his comfort was in prayer unto God.

* ⁴Maschil of David; A Prayer * when he was in the cave.

I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 ^aI poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

3 ^bWhen my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. ^cIn the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 ^d^eI looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but ^ethere was no man that would know me: refuge ^ffailed me; ⁷no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, ^fThou art my refuge and ^gmy portion ^hin the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am ⁱbrought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: ^kthe righteous shall compass me about; ¹for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSALM CXLIII.

1 *David prayeth for favour in judgment.* 3 *He complaineth of his griefs.* 5 *He strengtheneth his faith by meditation and prayer.* 7 *He prayeth for grace,* 9 *for deliverance,* 10 *for sanctification,* 12 *for destruction of his enemies.*

A Psalm of David.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: ^ain thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.

2 And ^benter not into judgment with thy servant: for ^cin thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 ^dTherefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

5 ^eI remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 ^fI stretch forth my hands unto thee: ^gmy soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, ^h²lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness ⁱin the morning; for in thee do I trust: ^kcause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for ¹I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I ³flee unto thee to hide me.

10 ^mTeach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: ⁿthy spirit *is* good; lead me into ^othe land of uprightness.

11 ^pQuicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy ^qcut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for ^rI am thy servant.

PSALM CXLIV.

1 *David blesseth God for his mercy both to him and to man.* 5 *He prayeth that God would powerfully deliver him from his enemies.* 9 *He promiseth to praise God.* 11 *He prayeth for the happy state of the kingdom.*

A Psalm of David.

BLESSED be the LORD ⁴my strength, ^awhich teacheth my hands ⁵to war, *and* my fingers to fight:

^a Ps. 31. 1.

^b Job 14. 3.

^c Ex. 34. 7.
Job 4. 17. &
9. 2. & 15. 14.
& 25. 4.
Ps. 130. 3.
Eccles. 7. 20.
Rom. 3. 20.
Gal. 2. 16.

^d Ps. 77. 3. &
142. 3.

^e Ps. 77. 5, 10,
11.

^f Ps. 88. 9.

^g Ps. 63. 1.

^h Ps. 28. 1.

ⁱ Or, *for I am become like,*
&c. Ps. 88. 4.

¹ See Ps. 46. 5.

^k Ps. 5. 8.

¹ Ps. 25. 1.

³ Heb. *hide me with thee.*

^m Ps. 25. 4, 5.
& 139. 24.

ⁿ Neh. 9. 20.

^o Isai. 26. 10.

^p Ps. 119. 25,
37, 40, &c.

^q Ps. 54. 5.

^r Ps. 116. 16.

⁴ Heb. *my rock,*
Ps. 18. 2, 31.

^a 2 Sam. 22. 35.
Ps. 18. 34.

⁵ Heb. *to the war, &c.*

^b 2 Sam. 22. 2,
3, 40, 48.
^a Or, *My mercy.*

^c Job 7. 17.
Ps. 8. 4.
Hebr. 2. 6.

^d Job 4. 19.
& 14. 2.
Ps. 39. 5.
& 62. 9.

^e Ps. 102. 11.
^f Ps. 18. 9.
Isai. 64. 1.
^g Ps. 104. 32.

^h Ps. 18. 13, 14.

ⁱ Ps. 18. 16.
^j Heb. *hands.*
^k Ps. 69. 1, 2, 14.
ver. 11.

^l Ps. 54. 3.
Mal. 2. 11.
^m Ps. 12. 2.

ⁿ Ps. 33. 2, 3.
& 40. 3.

^o Ps. 18. 50.
^p Or, *victory.*

^q ver. 7, 8.

^r Ps. 128. 3.

^s Heb. *cut.*

^t Heb. *from
kind to kind.*

^u Heb. *able to
bear burdens,
or, laden
with flesh.*

^v Deut. 33. 29.
Ps. 33. 12. &
65. 4. & 146. 5.

2 ^{b2} My goodness, and my fortress;
my high tower, and my deliverer;
my shield, and *he* in whom I trust;
who subdueth my people under
me.

3 ^c LORD, what *is* man, that thou
takest knowledge of him! *or* the
son of man, that thou makest ac-
count of him!

4 ^d Man is like to vanity: ^e his
days *are* as a shadow that passeth
away.

5 ^f Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and
come down: ^g touch the mountains,
and they shall smoke.

6 ^h Cast forth lightning, and scat-
ter them: shoot out thine arrows,
and destroy them.

7 ⁱ Send thine ^j hand from above;
^k rid me, and deliver me out of great
waters, from the hand of ^l strange
children;

8 Whose mouth ^m speaketh vanity,
and their right hand *is* a right hand
of falsehood.

9 I will ⁿ sing a new song unto
thee, O God: upon a psaltery *and*
an instrument of ten strings will I
sing praises unto thee.

10 ^o *It is he* that giveth ^p salvation
unto kings: who delivereth David
his servant from the hurtful sword.

11 ^q Rid me, and deliver me from
the hand of strange children, whose
mouth speaketh vanity, and their
right hand *is* a right hand of false-
hood:

12 That our sons *may be* ^r as plants
grown up in their youth; *that* our
daughters *may be* as corner stones,
^s polished *after* the similitude of a
palace:

13 *That* our garners *may be* full,
affording ^t all manner of store: *that*
our sheep may bring forth thou-
sands and ten thousands in our
streets:

14 *That* our oxen *may be* ^u strong
to labour; *that there be* no breaking
in, nor going out; *that there be* no
complaining in our streets.

15 ^v Happy *is that* people, that is
in such a case: *yea, happy is that*
people, whose God *is* the LORD.

PSALM CXLV.

1 *David praiseth God for his fame, 8 for his
goodness, 11 for his kingdom, 14 for his
providence, 17 for his saving mercy.*

David's ^a Psalm of praise.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O
king; and I will bless thy name
for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and
I will praise thy name for ever and
ever.

3 ^b Great *is* the LORD, and greatly
to be praised; ² and ^c his greatness
is unsearchable.

4 ^d One generation shall praise thy
works to another, and shall declare
thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious ho-
nour of thy majesty, and of thy
wondrous ³ works.

6 And *men* shall speak of the might
of thy terrible acts: and I will ⁴ de-
clare thy greatness.

7 They shall abundantly utter the
memory of thy great goodness, and
shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 ^e The LORD *is* gracious, and full
of compassion; slow to anger, and
⁵ of great mercy.

9 ^f The LORD *is* good to all: and
his tender mercies *are* over all his
works.

10 ^g All thy works shall praise thee,
O LORD; and thy saints shall bless
thee.

11 They shall speak of the glory
of thy kingdom, and talk of thy
power;

12 To make known to the sons of
men his mighty acts, and the glo-
rious majesty of his kingdom.

13 ^h Thy kingdom *is* ^e an everlasting
kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth*
throughout all generations.

14 The LORD upholdeth all that
fall, and ⁱ raiseth up all *those that be*
bowed down.

15 ^k The eyes of all ⁷ wait upon
thee; and ^l thou givest them their
meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, ^m and
satisfiest the desire of every living
thing.

^a Ps. 100, title.

^b Ps. 96. 4.
& 147. 5.
^c Heb. *and of
his greatness
there is no
search.*

^d Job 5. 9. &
9. 10.
Rom. 11. 33.
^e Isai. 38. 19.

^f Heb. *things,
or, words.*

^g Heb. *declare
it.*

^h Ex. 34. 6, 7.
Num. 14. 18.
Ps. 86. 5, 15.
& 103. 8.

ⁱ Heb. *great
in mercy.*

^j Ps. 100. 5.
Nah. 1. 7.

^k Ps. 19. 1.

^l Ps. 146. 10.
1 Tim. 1. 17.

^m Heb. *a king-
dom of all
ages.*

ⁿ Ps. 146. 8.

^o Ps. 104. 27.

^p Or, *look unto
thee.*

^q Ps. 136. 25.

^r Ps. 104. 21.
& 147. 9.

^a Or, *merciful*,
or, *bountiful*.

ⁿ Deut. 4. 7.

^o John 4. 24.

^p Ps. 31. 23.
& 97. 10.

^s Heb. *Hallelujah*.

^a Ps. 103. 1.
^b Ps. 104. 33.

^c Ps. 118. 8, 9.
Isai. 2. 22.

^d Or, *salvation*.

^d Ps. 104. 29.
Eccles. 12. 7.
Isai. 2. 22.

^e See 1 Cor. 2. 6.

^f Ps. 144. 15.
Jer. 17. 7.

^g Gen. 1. 1.
Rev. 14. 7.

^h Ps. 103. 6.

ⁱ Ps. 107. 9.

^k Ps. 68. 6. &
107. 10, 14.

^l Matt. 9. 30.
John 9. 7.—32.

^m Ps. 145. 14.
& 147. 6.
Luke 13. 13.

ⁿ Deut. 10. 18.
Ps. 68. 5.

^o Ps. 147. 6.

^p Ex. 15. 18.
Ps. 10. 16. &
145. 13.
Rev. 11. 15.

17 The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and ²holy in all his works.

18 ⁿThe LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him ^oin truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 ^pThe LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVI.

1 *The psalmist voweth perpetual praises to God.*
3 *He exhorteth not to trust in man.* 5 *God, for his power, justice, mercy, and kingdom, is only worthy to be trusted.*

³PRAISE ye the LORD. ^aPraise the LORD, O my soul.

2 ^bWhile I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 ^cPut not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no ^dhelp.

4 ^dHis breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day ^ehis thoughts perish.

5 ^fHappy *is* he that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:

6 ^gWhich made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 ^hWhich executeth judgment for the oppressed: ⁱwhich giveth food to the hungry. ^kThe LORD looseth the prisoners:

8 ^lThe LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: ^mthe LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:

9 ⁿThe LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: ^obut the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

10 ^pThe LORD shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLVII.

1 *The prophet exhorteth to praise God for his care of the church,* 4 *his power,* 6 *and his mercy:* 7 *to praise him for his providence:* 12 *to praise him for his blessings upon the kingdom,* 15 *for his power over the meteors,* 19 *and for his ordinances in the church.*

PRAISE ye the LORD: for ^a*it is* good to sing praises unto our God; ^b*for it is* pleasant; *and* ^c*praise is* comely.

2 The LORD doth ^dbuild up Jerusalem: ^ehe gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

3 ^fHe healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their ²wounds.

4 ^gHe telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

5 ^hGreat *is* our Lord, and of ⁱgreat power: ³^khis understanding *is* infinite.

6 ^lThe LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

8 ^mWho covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9 ⁿHe giveth to the beast his food, *and* ^oto the young ravens which cry.

10 ^pHe delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 ⁴^qHe maketh peace *in* thy borders, *and* ^rfilleth thee with the ⁵finest of the wheat.

15 ^sHe sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

16 ^tHe giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

^a Ps. 92. 1.

^b Ps. 135. 3.

^c Ps. 33. 1.

^d Ps. 102. 16.

^e Deut. 30. 3.

^f Ps. 51. 17.
Isai. 57. 15.
& 61. 1.
Luke 4. 18.

^g Heb. *griefs*.

^h See Gen. 15. 5.

Isai. 40. 26.

ⁱ Chron. 16. 25.

Ps. 48. 1. &

96. 4. & 145. 3.

^j Nah. 1. 3.

^k Heb. *of his understanding there is no number.*

^l Isai. 40. 28.

^m Ps. 146. 8, 9.

ⁿ Job 38. 26, 27.
Ps. 104. 13, 14.

^o Job 38. 41.
Ps. 104. 27.
& 136. 25.

& 145. 15.

^p Job 38. 41.

Matt. 6. 26.

^q Ps. 33. 16,

17, 18.

Hos. 1. 7.

^r Heb. *Who maketh thy border peace.*

^s Isai. 60. 17, 18.

^t Ps. 132. 15.

^u Heb. *fat of wheat,*

Deut. 32. 14.

Ps. 81. 16.

^v Job 37. 12.

Ps. 107. 20.

^w Job 37. 6.

^u ver. 15.
See Job 37.
10.

^{*} Deut. 33. 2,
3, 4.
Ps. 76. 1.
& 78. 5. &
103. 7.

² Heb. *his*
words.

^y Mal. 4. 4.

^z See Deut. 4.
32, 33, 34.
Rom. 3. 1, 2.

18 ^uHe sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

19 ^{*}He sheweth ²his word unto Jacob, ^yhis statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

20 ^{*}He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLVIII.

1 *The psalmist exhorteth the celestial, 7 the terrestrial, 11 and the rational creatures to praise God.*

³**P**RAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

2 ^aPraise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ^bye heavens of heavens, and ^cye waters that *be* above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for ^dhe commanded, and they were created.

6 ^eHe hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ^fye dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind ^gfulfilling his word:

9 ^hMountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and ⁱflying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for ^jhis name alone is ^kexcellent; ^lhis glory *is* above the earth and heaven.

14 ^mHe also exalteth the horn of his people, ⁿthe praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, ^oa people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

³ Heb. *Hallelujah.*

^a Ps. 103. 20, 21.

^b 1 Kin. 8. 27.
² Cor. 12. 2.

^c Gen. 1. 7.

^d Gen. 1. 1, 6, 7.
Ps. 33. 6, 9.

^e Ps. 89. 37. &
119. 90, 91.
Jer. 31. 35,
36. & 33. 25.

^f Isai. 43. 20.

^g Ps. 147. 15,
—18.

^h Isai. 44. 23.
& 49. 13. &
55. 12.

ⁱ Heb. *birds*
of wing.

^j Ps. 8. 1.

Isai. 12. 4.

^k Heb. *exalted.*

^l Ps. 113. 4.

^m Ps. 75. 10.

ⁿ Ps. 149. 9.

^o Eph. 2. 17.

PSALM CXLIX.

1 *The prophet exhorteth to praise God for his love to the church, 5 and for that power which he hath given to the church.*

²**P**RAISE ye the LORD. ^{*}Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in ^bhim that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their ^cKing.

3 ^dLet them praise his name ³in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the trimbrel and harp.

4 For ^ethe LORD taketh pleasure in his people: ^fhe will beautify the meek with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them ^gsing aloud upon their beds.

6 *Let the high praises* of God *be* ^hin their mouth, and ⁱa twoedged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 ^jTo execute upon them the judgment written: ^kthis honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CL.

1 *An exhortation to praise God, 3 with all kind of instruments.*

⁵**P**RAISE ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 ^aPraise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent ^bgreatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the ^ctrumpet: ^epraise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him ^dwith the timbrel and ⁷dance: praise him with ^estringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud ^fcymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

³ Heb. *Hallelujah.*

^a Ps. 33. 3.
Isai. 42. 10.

^b See Job 35. 10.
Ps. 100. 3.
Isai. 54. 5.

^c Zech. 9. 9.
Matt. 21. 5.

^d Ps. 81. 2. &
150. 4.

^e Or, *with the pipe.*

^f Ps. 35. 27.

^g Ps. 132. 16.

^h Job 35. 10.

ⁱ Heb. *in their throat.*

^j Hebr. 4. 12.
Rev. 1. 16.

^k Deut. 7. 1, 2.

^l Ps. 148. 14.

⁵ Heb. *Hallelujah.*

^a Ps. 145. 5, 6.

^b Deut. 3. 24.

^c Or, *cornet*,
Ps. 98. 6.

^d Ps. 81. 2. &
149. 3.

^e Ex. 15. 20.

^f Or, *pipe*,
Ps. 149. 3.

^g Ps. 33. 2.
& 92. 3. &
144. 9.

Isai. 38. 20.

^h 1 Chron. 15. 16,
19, 28. & 16. 5.
& 25. 1, 6.

THE PROVERBS.

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CHAPTER I.

¹ *The use of the proverbs.* ⁷ *An exhortation to fear God, and believe his word.* ¹⁰ *To avoid the enticings of sinners.* ²⁰ *Wisdom complaineth of her contempt.* ²⁴ *She threat- eneth her contemnners.*

THE ^aproverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

² To know wisdom and instruc- tion; to perceive the words of un- derstanding;

³ To ^breceive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and ²equity;

⁴ To give subtilty to the ^csimple, to the young man knowledge and ³discretion.

⁵ ^dA wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of un- derstanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

⁶ To understand a proverb, and ⁴the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their ^edark sayings.

⁷ ¶ ^fThe fear of the LORD *is* ⁵the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

⁸ ^gMy son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

⁹ For ^hthey *shall be* ^ean ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

¹⁰ ¶ My son, if sinners entice thee, ⁱconsent thou not.

¹¹ If they say, Come with us, let us ^klay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent with- out cause:

¹² Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, ^las those that go down into the pit:

¹³ We shall find all precious sub- stance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

¹⁴ Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

¹⁵ My son, ^mwalk not thou in the way with them; ⁿrefrain thy foot from their path:

¹⁶ ^oFor their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

¹⁷ Surely in vain the net is spread ²in the sight of any bird.

¹⁸ And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives.

¹⁹ ^pSo *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

²⁰ ¶ ³^qWisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

²¹ She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,

²² How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

²³ Turn you at my reproof: be- hold, ^rI will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

²⁴ ¶ ^sBecause I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

²⁵ But ye ^thave set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

²⁶ ^uI also will laugh at your cala- mity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

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^m Ps. 1. 1.
ch. 4. 14.
ⁿ Ps. 119. 101.

^o Isai. 59. 7.
Rom. 3. 15.

² Heb. *in the eyes of every thing that hath a wing.*

^p ch. 15. 27.
1 Tim. 6. 10.

³ Heb. *Wis- doms, that is, Excellent wisdom.*

^q ch. 8. 1, &c.
& 9. 3.
John 7. 37.

^r Joel 2. 28.

^s Isai. 65. 12.
& 66. 4.
Jer. 7. 13.
Zech. 7. 11.

^t Ps. 107. 11.
ver. 30.
Luke 7. 30.

^u Ps. 2. 4.

^a 1 Kin. 4. 32.
ch. 10. 1. &
25. 1.
Eccles. 12. 9.

^b ch. 2. 1, 9.

³ Heb. *equities.*

^c ch. 9. 4.

³ Or, *advice- ment.*

^d ch. 9. 9.

⁴ Or, *an elo- quent speech.*

^e Ps. 78. 2.

^f Job 28. 28.
Ps. 111. 10.
ch. 9. 10.
Eccles. 12. 13.

⁵ Or, *the prin- cipal part.*

⁶ ch. 4. 1.
& 6. 20.

^h ch. 3. 22.

⁶ Heb. *an add- ing.*

¹ Gen. 39. 7, &c.
Ps. 1. 1.
Ephes. 5. 11.

^k Jer. 5. 26.

¹ Ps. 28. 1.
& 143. 7.

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^x ch. 10. 24.
^y Job 27. 9.
& 35. 12.
Isai. 1. 15.
Jer. 11. 11.
& 14. 12.
Ezek. 8. 18.
Mic. 3. 4.
Zech. 7. 13.
Jam. 4. 3.
^z Job 21. 14.
ver. 22.
^a Ps. 119. 173.
^b Ps. 81. 11.
ver. 25.
^c Job 4. 8.
ch. 14. 14.
& 22. 8.
Isai. 3. 11.
Jer. 6. 19.
^d Or, *ease of the simple.*
^e Ps. 25. 12, 13.
^f Ps. 112. 7.

^g ch. 4. 21. &
7. 1.

^h Heb. *gives thy voice.*

ⁱ ch. 3. 14.
Matt. 13. 44.

^j 1 Kin. 3. 9, 12.
Jam. 1. 5.

^k Ps. 84. 11.
ch. 30. 5.

^l 1 Sam. 2. 9.
Ps. 66. 9.

27 When ^xyour fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 ^yThen shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they ^zhated knowledge, and did not ^achoose the fear of the LORD:

30 ^bThey would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore ^cshall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the ^dturning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But ^ewhoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and ^fshall be quiet from fear of evil.

CHAPTER II.

1 *Wisdom promiseth godliness to her children, 10 and safety from evil company, 20 and direction in good ways.*

MY son, if thou wilt receive my words, and ^ghide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* ^hlifest up thy voice for understanding;

4 ⁱIf thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

6 ^jFor the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: ^k*he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and ^lpreserveth the way of his saints.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.

10 ¶ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

11 Discretion shall preserve thee, ^munderstanding shall keep thee:

12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things;

13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to ⁿwalk in the ways of darkness;

14 Who ^orejoice to do evil, *and* ^pdelight in the frowardness of the wicked;

15 ^qWhose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths:

16 To deliver thee from ^rthe strange woman, ^s*even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words;

17 ^tWhich forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

18 For ^uher house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous.

21 ^vFor the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

22 ^wBut the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be ^xrooted out of it.

CHAPTER III.

1 *An exhortation to obedience, 5 to faith, 7 to mortification, 9 to devotion, 11 to patience. 13 The happy gain of wisdom. 19 The power, 21 and the benefits of wisdom. 27 An exhortation to charitableness, 30 peaceableness, 31 and contentedness. 33 The cursed state of the wicked.*

MY son, forget not my law; ^ybut let thine heart keep my commandments:

2 For length of days, and ^zlong life, and ^apeace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: ^bbind them about thy neck; ^cwrite them upon the table of thine heart:

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^d ch. 6. 22.

^e John 3. 19, 20.

^f ch. 10. 23.
Jer. 11. 15.
^g Rom. 1. 32.

^h Ps. 125. 5.

ⁱ ch. 5. 20.
^j ch. 5. 3. &
6. 24. & 7. 5.

^k See Mal. 2.
14, 15.

^l ch. 7. 27.

^m Ps. 37. 29.

ⁿ Job 18. 17.
Ps. 37. 28.
& 104. 35.
^o Or, *plucked up.*

^p Deut. 8. 1. &
30. 16, 20.

^q Heb. *years of life.*

^r Ps. 119. 165.

^s Ex. 13. 9.
Deut. 6. 8.
ch. 6. 21. &
7. 3.

^t Jer. 17. 1.
2 Cor. 3. 3.

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^a Ps. 111. 10.
See 1 Sam. 2.
26.
Luke 2. 52.
Acts 2. 47.
Rom. 14. 18.
^b Or, *good success.*
^c Ps. 37. 3, 5.
^d Jer. 9. 23.
^e 1 Chron. 28. 9.
^f Jer. 10. 23.
^g Rom. 12. 16.
^h Job 1. 1.
ch. 16. 6.
ⁱ Heb. *medicine.*
^j Heb. *watering, or, moistening.*
^k Job 21. 24.
^l Ex. 22. 29.
& 23. 19. &
34. 26.
Deut. 26. 2, &c.
Mal. 3. 10, &c.
Luke 14. 13.
^m Deut. 28. 8.
ⁿ Job 5. 17.
Ps. 94. 12.
Hebr. 12. 5, 6.
Rev. 3. 19.
^o Deut. 8. 5.
^p ch. 8. 34, 35.
^q Heb. *the man that draweth out understanding.*
^r Job 28. 13, &c.
Ps. 19. 10.
ch. 2. 4. &
8. 11, 19. &
16. 16.
^s Matt. 13. 44.
^t ch. 8. 18.
1 Tim. 4. 8.
^u Matt. 11. 29,
30.
^v Gen. 2. 9.
& 3. 22.
^w Ps. 104. 24.
& 136. 5.
ch. 8. 27.
Jer. 10. 12.
& 51. 15.
^x Or, *prepared.*
^y Gen. 1. 9.
^z Deut. 33. 28.
Job 36. 28.

4 ° So shalt thou find favour and ² good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5 ¶ ^f Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; ^g and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 ^h In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall ⁱ direct thy paths.

7 ¶ ^k Be not wise in thine own eyes: ^l fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be ³ health to thy navel, and ^{4m} marrow to thy bones.

9 ⁿ Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 ° So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11 ¶ ^p My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; ^q even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

13 ¶ ^r Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and ^s the man *that* getteth understanding.

14 ° For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She *is* more precious than rubies: and ^t all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 ^u Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.

17 ° Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.

18 She *is* ^v a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

19 ° The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he ^w established the heavens.

20 ° By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and ^x the clouds drop down the dew.

21 ¶ My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and ° grace to thy neck.

23 ^d Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 ° When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 ^f Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

27 ¶ ^g Withhold not good from ² them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.

28 ^h Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

29 ³ Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

30 ¶ ⁱ Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

31 ¶ ^k Envy thou not ⁴ the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

32 For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: ^l but his secret *is* with the righteous.

33 ¶ ^m The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but ⁿ he blesseth the habitation of the just.

34 ° Surely he scorneth the scorn-ers: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame ⁵ shall be the promotion of fools.

CHAPTER IV.

1 Solomon, to persuade obedience, 3 sheweth what instruction he had of his parents, 5 to study wisdom, 14 and to shun the path of the wicked. 20 He exhorteth to faith, 23 and sanctification.

HEAR, ° ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^a ch. 1. 9.
^b Ps. 37. 24. &
91. 11, 12.
ch. 10. 9.
^c Lev. 26. 6.
Ps. 3. 5. &
4. 8.
^d Ps. 91. 5.
& 112. 7.
^e Rom. 13. 7.
Gal. 6. 10.
^f Heb. *the owners thereof.*
^g Lev. 19. 13.
Deut. 24. 15.
^h Or, *Practise no evil.*
ⁱ Rom. 12. 18.
^j Ps. 37. 1.
& 73. 3.
ch. 24. 1.
^k Heb. *a man of violence.*
^l Ps. 25. 14.
^m Lev. 26. 14.
&c. Ps. 37. 22.
Zech. 5. 4.
Mal. 2. 2.
ⁿ Ps. 1. 3.
^o Jan. 4. 6.
1 Pet. 5. 5.
^p Heb. *exalteth the fools.*
^q Ps. 34. 11.
ch. 1. 8.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^b 1 Chron. 29. 1.
^a 1 Chron. 28. 9.
Ephes. 6. 4.
^d ch. 7. 2.

^e ch. 2. 2, 3.

^f 2 Thess. 2. 10.

^g Matt. 13. 44.
Luke 10. 42.

^h 1 Sam. 2. 30.

ⁱ ch. 1. 9. &
3. 22.
^j Or, *she shall compass thee with a crown of glory.*
^k ch. 3. 2.

^l Ps. 18. 36.
^m Ps. 91. 11, 12.

ⁿ Ps. 1. 1.
ch. 1. 10, 15.

^o Ps. 36. 4.
Isai. 57. 20.

^p Matt. 5. 14, 45.
Phil. 2. 15.
^q 2 Sam. 23. 4.

^r 1 Sam. 2. 9.
Job 18. 5, 6.
Isai. 59. 9, 10.
Jer. 23. 12.
John 12. 35.

3 For I was my father's son, ^btender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother.

4 ^eHe taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: ^dkeep my commandments, and live.

5 ^eGet wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: ^flove her, and she shall keep thee.

7 ^gWisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

8 ^hExalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

9 She shall give to thine head ⁱan ornament of grace: ²a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; ^kand the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12 When thou goest, ^lthy steps shall not be straitened; ^mand when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

14 ⁿEnter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16 ^oFor they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 ^pBut the path of the just ^q*is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19 ^rThe way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

20 [¶] My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 ^aLet them not depart from thine eyes; ^tkeep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and ^u²health to all their flesh.

23 [¶] Keep thy heart ³with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee ⁴a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and ⁵let all thy ways be established.

27 ^xTurn not to the right hand nor to the left: ^yremove thy foot from evil.

CHAPTER V.

1 *Solomon exhorteth to the study of wisdom.* 3 *He sheweth the mischief of whoredom and riot.* 15 *He exhorteth to contentedness, liberality, and chastity.* 22 *The wicked are overtaken with their own sins.*

MY son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding:

2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may ^akeep knowledge.

3 [¶] ^bFor the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her ^cmouth *is* ^esmoother than oil:

4 But her end is ^dbitter as wormwood, ^esharp as a twoedged sword.

5 ^fHer feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them*.

7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^a ch. 3. 3, 21.
^c ch. 2. 1.

^u ch. 3. 8. &
12. 18.
^v Heb. *medicine.*
^w Heb. *above all keeping.*

^x Heb. *forwardness of mouth, and perverseness of lips.*

^y Or, *all thy ways shall be ordered aright.*
^z Deut. 5. 32. & 28. 14.
Josh. 1. 7.
^{aa} Isai. 1. 16.
Rom. 12. 9.

^{ab} Mal. 2. 7.

^{ac} ch. 2. 16. & 6. 24.

^{ad} Heb. *palate.*
^{ae} Ps. 55. 21.
^{af} Eccles. 7. 26.
^{ag} Hebr. 4. 12.
^{ah} ch. 7. 27.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^a Heb. *thy strength*.

^c ch. 1. 29.

^b ch. 1. 25.
& 12. 1.

10 Lest strangers be filled with ^athy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger;

11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

12 And say, How have I ^ahated instruction, and my heart ^bdespised reproof;

13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

15 ¶ Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets.

17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with ⁱthe wife of thy youth.

19 ^kLet her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts ^lsatisfy thee at all times; and ^mbe thou ravished always with her love.

20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with ⁿa strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

21 ^mFor the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

22 ¶ ⁿHis own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his ^osins.

23 ^oHe shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

CHAPTER VI.

1 Against suretiship, 6 idleness, 12 and mischiefousness. 16 Seven things hateful to God. 20 The blessings of obedience. 25 The mischiefs of whoredom.

MY son, ^aif thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,

2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

^a ch. 11. 15. & 17. 18. & 20. 16. & 22. 26. & 27. 13.

^m 2 Chron. 16. 9.
Job 31. 4. & 34. 21.
ch. 15. 3.
Jer. 16. 17.
& 32. 19.
Hos. 7. 2.
Hebr. 4. 13.
ⁿ Ps. 9. 15.
^o Heb. *sin*.
^o Job 4. 21.
& 36. 12.

ⁱ Mal. 2. 14.

^k See Cant. 2. 9.
& 4. 5. & 7. 3.

^l Heb. *water thee*.

^m Heb. *err thou always in her love*.

ⁿ ch. 2. 16.
& 7. 5.

3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, ^aand make sure thy friend.

4 ^bGive not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.

5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of *the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 ¶ ^cGo to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.

9 ^dHow long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

11 ^eSo shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

12 ¶ A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.

13 ^fHe winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

14 Frowardness *is* in his heart, ^ghe deviseth mischief continually; ^hhe ⁱsoweth discord.

15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he ^jbe broken ^kwithout remedy.

16 ¶ These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination ^lunto him:

17 ^lA proud look, ^ma lying tongue, and ⁿhands that shed innocent blood,

18 ^oAn heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, ^pfeet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 ^qA false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he ^rthat soweth discord among brethren.

20 ¶ ^sMy son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

21 ^tBind them continually upon

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^a Or, *so shall thou prevail with thy friend*.

^b Ps. 132. 4.

^c Job 12. 7.

^d ch. 24. 33, 34.

^e ch. 10. 4. & 13. 4. & 20. 4.

^f Job 15. 12.
Ps. 35. 19.
ch. 10. 10.

^g Mic. 2. 1.

^h ver. 19.

ⁱ Heb. *casteth forth*.

^j Jer. 19. 11.

^k 2 Chron. 36. 16.

^l Heb. *of his soul*.

^m Ps. 18. 27.
& 101. 5.

ⁿ Heb. *Haughty eyes*.

^o Ps. 120. 2, 3.

^p Isai. 1. 15.

^q Gen. 6. 5.

^r Isai. 59. 7.
Rom. 3. 15.

^s Ps. 27. 12.
ch. 19. 5, 9.

^t ver. 14.

^u ch. 1. 8.
Ephes. 6. 1.

^v ch. 3. 3. & 7. 3.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^u ch. 3. 23, 24.
^x ch. 2. 11.

^y Ps. 19. 8. &
119. 105.
^a Or, *candle*.

^a ch. 2. 16. &
5. 3. & 7. 5.

^a Or, *of the
strange
tongue*.
^a Matt. 5. 28.

^b ch. 29. 3.

^a Gen. 39. 14.
⁴ Heb. *the wo-
man of a
man, or, a
man's wife*.
^d Ezek. 13. 18.

^o Ex. 22. 1, 4.

^f ch. 7. 7.
^b Heb. *heart*.

^o Heb. *He will
not accept
the face of
any ransom*.

thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck.

22 ^u When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, ^x it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 ^y For the commandment *is* a ^a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

24 ^a To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery ³ of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 ^a Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

26 For ^b by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a piece of bread: ^c and ⁴ the adulteress will ^d hunt for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.

30 *Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

31 But *if* he be found, ^o he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

32 *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman ^f lacketh ⁵ understanding: he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

34 For jealousy *is* the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 ^o He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

CHAPTER VII.

1 *Solomon persuadeth to a sincere and kind familiarity with wisdom. 6 In an example of his own experience, he sheweth 10 the cunning of an whore, 22 and the desperate simplicity of a young wanton. 24 He dehorteth from such wickedness.*

MY son, keep my words, and ^a lay up my commandments with thee.

2 ^b Keep my commandments, and live; ^c and my law as the apple of thine eye.

3 ^d Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:

5 ^e That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.

6 ¶ For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among ² the youths, a young man ^f void of understanding,

8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

9 ^g In the twilight, ³ in the evening, in the black and dark night:

10 And, behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

11 (^h She *is* loud and stubborn; ⁱ her feet abide not in her house:

12 Now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, *and* ⁴ with an impudent face said unto him,

14 ⁵ *I have* peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with ^k fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.

19 For the goodman *is* not at home, he is gone a long journey:

20 He hath taken a bag of money ⁶ with him, *and* will come home at ⁷ the day appointed.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^a ch. 2. 1.
^b Lev. 19. 5.
ch. 4. 4.
Isai. 55. 3.
^c Deut. 32. 10.
^d Deut. 6. 8.
& 11. 18.
ch. 3. 3. &
6. 21.

^o ch. 2. 16. &
5. 3. & 6. 24.

² Heb. *the sons*.
^f ch. 6. 32. &
9. 4, 16.

^g Job 24. 15.
³ Heb. *in the
evening of
the day*.

^h ch. 9. 13.
ⁱ 1 Tim. 5. 13.
Tit. 2. 5.

⁴ Heb. *she
strengthened
her face, and
said*.

⁵ Heb. *Peace
offerings are
upon me*.

^k Isai. 19. 9.

⁶ Heb. *in his
hand*.
⁷ Or, *the new
moon*.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.¹ ch. 5. 3.
^m Ps. 12. 2.
^s Heb.
suddenly.ⁿ Eccles. 9. 12.^o Neh. 13. 26.^p ch. 2. 18. &
5. 5. & 9. 18.^a ch. 1. 20.
& 9. 3.^b ch. 22. 20.^s Heb. the
abomination
of my lips.^t Heb.
wreathed.

21 With ¹her much fair speech she caused him to yield, ^mwith the flattering of her lips she forced him.

22 He goeth after her ²straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

23 Till a dart strike through his liver; ⁿas a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.

24 ¶ Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, ^omany strong men have been slain by her.

27 ^pHer house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 The fame, 6 and evidency of wisdom. 10 The excellency, 12 the nature, 15 the power, 18 the riches, 22 and the eternity of wisdom. 32 Wisdom is to be desired for the blessedness it bringeth.

DOth not ^awisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.

5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

6 Hear; for I will speak of ^bexcellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is ³an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing ⁴froward or perverse in them.

9 They are all plain to him that

understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 ^cFor wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

12 I wisdom dwell with ²prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

13 ^dThe fear of the LORD is to hate evil: ^epride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and ^fthe froward mouth, do I hate.

14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; ^gI have strength.

15 ^hBy me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

17 ⁱI love them that love me; and ^kthose that seek me early shall find me.

18 ^lRiches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

19 ^mMy fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

20 I ³lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

22 ⁿThe LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 ^oI was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

25 ^pBefore the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the ⁴fields, nor ⁵the highest part of the dust of the world.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.^c Job 28. 15, &c.
Ps. 19. 10. &
119. 127.
ch. 3. 14, 15.
& 4. 5, 7. &
16. 16.^g Or, subtilty.^d ch. 16. 6.^e ch. 6. 17.^f ch. 4. 24.^g Eccles. 7. 19.^h Dan. 2. 21.
Rom. 13. 1.ⁱ 1 Sam. 2. 30.
Ps. 91. 14.
John 14. 21.^k Jam. 1. 5.^l ch. 3. 16.
Matt. 6. 33.^m ch. 3. 14.
ver. 10.^g Or, walk.ⁿ ch. 3. 19.
John 1. 1.^o Ps. 2. 6.^p Job 15. 7, 8.⁴ Or, open
places.
⁵ Or, the chief
part.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.^a Or, a circle.^q Gen. 1. 9, 10.
Job 38. 10, 11.
Ps. 33. 7. &
104. 9.
Jer. 5. 22.
^r Job 38. 4.^s John 1. 1, 2, 18.^t Matt. 3. 17.
Col. 1. 13.^u Ps. 16. 3.^x Ps. 119. 1, 2.
& 128. 1, 2.
Luke 11. 28.^y ch. 3. 13, 18.^z Heb. bring
forth.
^a ch. 12. 2.^a ch. 20. 2.^a Matt. 16. 18.
Ephes. 2. 20,
21, 22.
1 Pet. 2. 5.^b Matt. 22. 3, &c.
^c Heb. her kill-
ing.^d ver. 5.
ch. 23. 30.
^d Rom. 10. 15.
^e ch. 8. 1, 2.
^f ver. 14.^g ver. 16.
ch. 6. 32.
Matt. 11. 25.^h ver. 2.
Cant. 5. 1.
Isai. 55. 1.
John 6. 27.

27 When he prepared the heavens,
I *was* there: when he set ²a com-
pass upon the face of the depth:

28 When he established the clouds
above: when he strengthened the
fountains of the deep:

29 ^aWhen he gave to the sea his
decree, that the waters should not
pass his commandment: when ^rhe
appointed the foundations of the
earth:

30 ^aThen I was by him, *as* one
brought up *with him*: ^tand I was
daily *his* delight, rejoicing always
before him;

31 Rejoicing in the habitable part
of his earth; and ^umy delights *were*
with the sons of men.

32 Now therefore hearken unto
me, O ye children: for ^xblessed *are*
they that keep my ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise,
and refuse it not.

34 ^yBlessed *is* the man that hear-
eth me, watching daily at my gates,
waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 For whoso findeth me findeth
life, and shall ^zobtain favour of the
LORD.

36 But he that sinneth against me
^awrongeth his own soul: all they
that hate me love death.

CHAPTER IX.

1 *The discipline,* 4 *and doctrine of wisdom.*
13 *The custom,* 16 *and error of folly.*

WISDOM hath ^abuilded her
house, she hath hewn out
her seven pillars:

2 ^bShe hath killed ^cher beasts;
^cshe hath mingled her wine; she
hath also furnished her table.

3 She hath ^dsent forth her maidens:
^eshe crieth ^fupon the highest places
of the city,

4 ^gWhoso *is* simple, let him turn
in hither: *as for* him that wanteth
understanding, she saith to him,

5 ^hCome, eat of my bread, and
drink of the wine *which* I have
mingled.

6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and
go in the way of understanding.

7 He that reproveth a scorner get-

teth to himself shame: and he that
rebuketh a wicked *man* *getteth* him-
self a blot.

8 ⁱReprove not a scorner, lest he
hate thee: ^krebuke a wise man, and
he will love thee.

9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*,
and he will be yet wiser: teach a
just *man*, ^land he will increase in
learning.

10 ^mThe fear of the LORD *is* the
beginning of wisdom: and the know-
ledge of the holy *is* understanding.

11 ⁿFor by me thy days shall be
multiplied, and the years of thy
life shall be increased.

12 ^oIf thou be wise, thou shalt be
wise for thyself: but *if* thou scorn-
est, thou alone shalt bear *it*.

13 ¶ ^pA foolish woman *is* clamor-
ous: *she is* simple, and knoweth
nothing.

14 For she sitteth at the door of
her house, on a seat ^qin the high
places of the city,

15 To call passengers who go right
on their ways:

16 ^rWhoso *is* simple, let him turn
in hither: and *as for* him that want-
eth understanding, she saith to him,

17 ^sStolen waters are sweet, and
bread ^teaten in secret is pleasant.

18 But he knoweth not that ^uthe
dead *are* there; *and that* her guests
are in the depths of hell.

CHAPTER X.

*From this chapter to the five and twentieth are
sundry observations of moral virtues, and
their contrary vices.*

THE proverbs of Solomon. ^aA
wise son maketh a glad father:
but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of
his mother.

2 ^bTreasures of wickedness profit
nothing: ^cbut righteousness deliver-
eth from death.

3 ^dThe LORD will not suffer the
soul of the righteous to famish: but
he casteth away ^ethe substance of
the wicked.

4 ^fHe becometh poor that dealeth
with a slack hand: but ^gthe hand
of the diligent maketh rich.

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cir. 1000.ⁱ Matt. 7. 6.^k Ps. 141. 5.^l Matt. 13. 12.^m Job 28. 28.
Ps. 111. 10.
ch. 1. 7.ⁿ ch. 3. 2, 16.
& 10. 27.^o Job 35. 6, 7.
ch. 16. 26.^p ch. 7. 11.^q ver. 3.^r ver. 4.^s ch. 20. 17.^t Heb. of
secrecies.
^u ch. 2. 18.
& 7. 27.^a ch. 15. 20.
& 17. 21, 25.
& 19. 13. &
29. 3, 15.^b Ps. 49. 6, &c.
ch. 11. 4.
Luke 12. 19,
20.^c Dan. 4. 27.
^d Ps. 10. 14.
& 34. 9, 10.
& 37. 25.^e Or, the
wicked, for
their wicked-
ness.^f ch. 12. 24.
& 19. 15.
^g ch. 13. 4.
& 21. 5.

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cir. 1000.

^g ch. 12. 4. &
17. 2. & 19. 26.
^h ver. 11.
Esth. 7. 8.

ⁱ Ps. 9. 5, 6. &
112. 6.
Eccles. 8. 10.

^k ver. 10.
^l Heb. *a fool
of lips.*

^m Or, *shall be
beaten.*

ⁿ Ps. 23. 4.
ch. 28. 18.
Isai. 33. 15, 16.

^o ch. 6. 13.

^p ver. 8.

^q Or, *shall be
beaten.*

^r Ps. 37. 30.
ch. 13. 14. &
18. 4.

^s Ps. 107. 42.
ver. 6.

^t ch. 17. 9.
1 Cor. 13. 4.
1 Pet. 4. 8.

^u ch. 26. 3.

^v Heb. *heart.*

^w ch. 18. 7. &
21. 23.

^x Job 31. 24.
Ps. 52. 7.
ch. 18. 11.
1 Tim. 6. 17.

^y Or, *causeth
to err.*

^z Ps. 15. 3.

^{aa} Eccles. 5. 3.

^{ab} Jam. 3. 2.

^{ac} Heb. *of heart.*

^{ad} Gen. 24. 35.
& 26. 12.
Ps. 37. 22.

5 He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* ^ga son that causeth shame.

6 Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but ^hviolence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

7 ⁱThe memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: ^kbut ^la prating fool ^mshall fall.

9 ⁿHe that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

10 ^oHe that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: ^pbut a prating fool ^qshall fall.

11 ^rThe mouth of a righteous *man* *is* a well of life: but ^sviolence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but ^tlove covereth all sins.

13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but ^ua rod *is* for the back of him that is void of ^vunderstanding.

14 Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but ^wthe mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

15 ^xThe rich man's wealth *is* his strong city: the destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.

16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

17 He *is* in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof ^yereth.

18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and ^zhe that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool.

19 ^{aa}In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but ^{ab}he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.

20 The tongue of the just *is* as choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want ^{ac}of wisdom.

22 ^{ad}The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

23 ^{ae}*It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

24 ^{af}The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but ^{ag}the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

25 As the whirlwind passeth, ^{ah}so *is* the wicked no *more*: but ^{ai}the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the slugard to them that send him.

27 ^{aj}The fear of the LORD ^{ak}prolongeth days: but ^{al}the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous *shall* be gladness: but the ^{am}expectation of the wicked shall perish.

29 The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright: ^{an}but destruction *shall* be to the workers of iniquity.

30 ^{ao}The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

31 ^{ap}The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* ^{aq}frowardness.

CHAPTER XI.

A ^{ar}FALSE balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but ^{as}a just weight *is* his delight.

2 ^{at}When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.

3 ^{au}The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

4 ^{av}Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but ^{aw}righteousness delivereth from death.

5 The righteousness of the perfect shall ^{ax}direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but ^{ay}transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.

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CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^{ba} ch. 14. 9. &
15. 21.

^{bb} Job 15. 21.

^{bc} Ps. 145. 19.
Matt. 5. 6.
1 John 5. 14, 15.

^{bd} Ps. 37. 9, 10.

^{be} Ps. 15. 5.
ver. 30.
Matt. 7. 24, 25. & 16. 18.

^{bf} ch. 9. 11.

^{bg} Heb. *addeth.*

^{bh} Job 15. 32, 33. & 22. 16.
Ps. 55. 23.
Eccles. 7. 17.

^{bi} Job 8. 13. &
11. 20.
Ps. 112. 10.
ch. 11. 7.

^{bj} Ps. 1. 6. &
37. 20.

^{bk} Ps. 37. 22, 29.
& 125. 1.
ver. 25.

^{bl} Ps. 37. 30.

^{bm} Heb. *frowardness.*

^{bn} Lev. 19. 35, 36. Deut. 25. 13,—16.
ch. 16. 11. &
20. 10, 23.

^{bo} Heb. *Balanca
of deceit.*

^{bp} Heb. *a perfect
stone.*

^{bq} ch. 15. 33.
& 16. 18. &
18. 12. Dan.
4. 30, 31.

^{br} ch. 13. 6.

^{bs} ch. 10. 2.
Ezek. 7. 19.
Zeph. 1. 18.

^{bt} Gen. 7. 1.

^{bu} Heb. *rectify.*

^{bv} ch. 5. 22.
Eccles. 10. 8.

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^k ch. 10. 28. ^h ch. 21. 18.	<p>7 ^s When a wicked man dieth, <i>his</i> expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust <i>men</i> perisheth.</p> <p>8 ^h The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.</p>	<p>only good: <i>but</i> the expectation of the wicked ^{is} wrath.</p> <p>24 There is that ^s scattereth, and yet increaseth; and <i>there is</i> that withholdeth more than is meet, but <i>it tendeth</i> to poverty.</p>	^a Rom. 2. 8, 9. ^s Ps. 112. 9.
¹ Job 8. 13.	<p>9 An ⁱ hypocrite with <i>his</i> mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.</p>	<p>25 ^y ² The liberal soul shall be made fat: ^s and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.</p>	^y 2 Cor. 9. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
^k Esth. 8. 15. ch. 28. 12, 28.	<p>10 ^k When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, <i>there is</i> shouting.</p>	<p>26 ^s He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but ^b blessing <i>shall be</i> upon the head of him that selleth <i>it</i>.</p>	² Heb. <i>The soul of blessing.</i>
¹ ch. 29. 8.	<p>11 ¹ By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.</p>	<p>27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: ^c but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.</p>	² Matt. 5. 7. ^a Amos 8. 5, 6.
^s Heb. <i>destitute of heart.</i>	<p>12 He that is ² void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.</p>	<p>28 ^d He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but ^e the righteous shall flourish as a branch.</p>	^b Job 29. 13.
^m Lev. 19. 16. ch. 20. 19. ³ Heb. <i>He that walketh, being a talebearer.</i>	<p>13 ^m ³ A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.</p>	<p>29 He that troubleth his own house ^f shall inherit the wind: and the fool <i>shall be</i> servant to the wise of heart.</p>	^a Esth. 7. 10. ^s Ps. 7. 15, 16. & 9. 15, 16. & 10. 2. & 57. 6.
ⁿ 1 Kin. 12. 1. & c. ch. 15. 22. & 24. 6.	<p>14 ⁿ Where no counsel <i>is</i>, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors <i>there is</i> safety.</p>	<p>30 The fruit of the righteous <i>is</i> a tree of life; and ^s he that ³ winneth souls <i>is</i> wise.</p>	^d Job 31. 24. ^s Ps. 52. 7. Mark 10. 24. Luke 12. 21. 1 Tim. 6. 17.
^o ch. 6. 1.	<p>15 ^o He that is surety for a stranger ⁴ shall smart <i>for it</i>: and he that hateth ⁵ suretiship is sure.</p>	<p>31 ^h Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.</p>	^o Ps. 1. 3. & 52. 8. & 92. 12, &c. Jer. 17. 8. ^f Eccles. 5. 16.
^s Heb. <i>shall be sore broken.</i> ^s Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>	<p>16 ^p A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong <i>men</i> retain riches.</p>		^k Dan. 12. 3. 1 Cor. 9. 19, &c. Jam. 5. 20.
^p ch. 31. 30.	<p>17 ^q The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but <i>he that is</i> cruel troubleth his own flesh.</p>	<p>CHAPTER XII.</p> <p>WHOSO loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof <i>is</i> brutish.</p>	^s Heb. <i>taketh.</i> ^b Jer. 25. 29. 1 Pet. 4. 17, 18.
^q Matt. 5. 7. & 25. 34, &c.	<p>18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but ^r to him that soweth righteousness <i>shall be</i> a sure reward.</p>	<p>2 ^a A good <i>man</i> obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.</p>	^k Dan. 12. 3. 1 Cor. 9. 19, &c. Jam. 5. 20. ^s Heb. <i>taketh.</i> ^b Jer. 25. 29. 1 Pet. 4. 17, 18.
^r Hos. 10. 12. Gal. 6. 8, 9. Jam. 3. 18.	<p>19 As righteousness <i>tendeth</i> to life: so he that pursueth evil <i>pursueth it</i> to his own death.</p>	<p>3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the ^b root of the righteous shall not be moved.</p>	^a ch. 8. 35.
^s ch. 16. 5.	<p>20 They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but <i>such as are</i> upright in <i>their way are</i> his delight.</p>	<p>4 ^c A virtuous woman <i>is</i> a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed <i>is</i> ^d as rottenness in his bones.</p>	^b ch. 10. 25.
^t Ps. 112. 2.	<p>21 ^s <i>Though</i> hand <i>join</i> in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but ^t the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.</p>	<p>5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: <i>but</i> the counsels of the wicked are deceit.</p>	^c ch. 31. 23. 1 Cor. 11. 7.
^u Heb. <i>departeth from.</i>	<p>22 <i>As</i> a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, <i>so is</i> a fair woman which ^e is without discretion.</p>	<p>6 ^e The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: ^f but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.</p>	^d ch. 14. 30.
^v Ps. 37. 36, 37. ch. 11. 21. Matt. 7. 24, 25, 26, 27.	<p>23 The desire of the righteous <i>is</i></p>	<p>7 ^s The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.</p>	^e ch. 1. 11, 18. ^f ch. 14. 3.

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^h 1 Sam. 25. 17. ^a Heb. <i>perverse of heart.</i> ⁱ ch. 13. 7.	8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: ^h but he that is ² of a perverse heart shall be despised. 9 ⁱ <i>He that is</i> despised, and hath a servant, <i>is</i> better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.	25 ^b Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but ^c a good word maketh it glad. 26 The righteous <i>is</i> more ² excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.	^b ch. 15. 13. ^c Isai. 50. 4. ^a Or, <i>abundant.</i>
^k Deut. 25. 4. ^a Or, <i>bonnets.</i>	10 ^k A righteous <i>man</i> regardeth the life of his beast: but the ³ tender mercies of the wicked <i>are</i> cruel.	27 The slothful <i>man</i> roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man <i>is</i> precious.	
ⁱ Gen. 3. 19. ch. 28. 19. ^m ch. 6. 32.	11 ⁱ He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain <i>persons</i> ^m <i>is</i> void of understanding.	28 In the way of righteousness <i>is</i> life; and <i>in</i> the pathway <i>thereof</i> <i>there is</i> no death.	
⁴ Or, <i>the fortress.</i>	12 The wicked desireth ⁴ the net of evil <i>men</i> : but the root of the righteous yieldeth <i>fruit</i> .	CHAPTER XIII.	
⁵ Heb. <i>The snare of the wicked is in the transgression of lips.</i> ⁿ ch. 18. 7. ² Pet. 2. 9. ^p ch. 13. 2. & 18. 20. ^q Isai. 3. 10, 11. ^r ch. 3. 7. Luke 18. 11.	13 ⁵ ⁿ The wicked is snared by the transgression of <i>his</i> lips: ^o but the just shall come out of trouble. 14 ^p A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of <i>his</i> mouth: ^q and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.	A WISE son <i>heareth</i> his father's instruction: ^a but a scorner <i>heareth</i> not rebuke. 2 ^b A man shall eat good by the fruit of <i>his</i> mouth: but the soul of the transgressors <i>shall eat</i> violence.	^a 1 Sam. 2. 25. ^b ch. 12. 14.
^u ch. 29. 11. ⁶ Heb. <i>in that day.</i> ^t ch. 14. 5.	15 ^r The way of a fool <i>is</i> right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel <i>is</i> wise. 16 ^s A fool's wrath is ⁶ presently known: but a prudent <i>man</i> covereth shame.	3 ^c He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: <i>but</i> he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.	^r Ps. 39. 1. ch. 21. 23. Jam. 3. 2.
^u Ps. 57. 4. & 59. 7. & 64. 3.	17 ^t <i>He that</i> speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.	4 ^d The soul of the sluggard desireth, and <i>hath</i> nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.	^d ch. 10. 4.
^x Ps. 52. 5. ch. 19. 9.	18 ^u There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise <i>is</i> health. 19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: ^x but a lying tongue <i>is</i> but for a moment.	5 A righteous <i>man</i> hateth lying: but a wicked <i>man</i> is loathsome, and cometh to shame.	
^y ch. 6. 17. & 11. 20. Rev. 22. 15.	20 Deceit <i>is</i> in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace <i>is</i> joy. 21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.	6 ^e Righteousness keepeth <i>him that is</i> upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth ³ the sinner.	^e ch. 11. 3, 5, 6.
^z ch. 13. 16. & 15. 2.	22 ^y Lying lips <i>are</i> abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly <i>are</i> his delight.	7 ^f There is that maketh himself rich, yet <i>hath</i> nothing: <i>there is</i> that maketh himself poor, yet <i>hath</i> great riches.	^f Heb. <i>sin.</i> ^f ch. 12. 9.
⁷ Or, <i>deceitful.</i>	23 ^z A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness. 24 ^a The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the ⁷ slothful shall be under tribute.	8 The ransom of a man's life <i>are</i> his riches: but the poor <i>heareth</i> not rebuke. 9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: ^s but the ⁴ lamp of the wicked shall be put out.	^g Job 18. 5, 6. & 21. 17. ch. 24. 20. ⁴ Or, <i>candle.</i>
		10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised <i>is</i> wisdom.	^h ch. 10. 2. & 20. 21.
		11 ^h Wealth <i>gotten</i> by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth ⁵ by labour shall increase.	⁵ Heb. <i>with the hand.</i>
		12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but ⁱ <i>when</i> the desire cometh, <i>it is</i> a tree of life.	ⁱ ver. 19.

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^k 2 Chron. 36.
16.

^a Or, *shall be
in peace.*

^l ch. 10. 11.
& 14. 27. &
16. 22.

^m 2 Sam. 22. 6.

ⁿ ch. 12. 23.
& 15. 2.

^o Heb.
spreadeth.

^p ch. 25. 13.

^q Heb. *an am-
bassador of
faithfulness.*

^r ch. 15. 5, 31.

^s ver. 12.

^t Heb. *shall
be broken.*

^u Ps. 32. 10.

^v Job 27. 16, 17.
ch. 28. 8.
Eccles. 2. 26.

^w ch. 12. 11.

^x ch. 19. 18.
& 22. 15. &
23. 13. &
29. 15, 17.

^y Ps. 34. 10.
& 37. 3.

^z ch. 24. 3.

^{aa} Ruth 4. 11.

^{ab} Job 12. 4.

^{ac} ch. 12. 6.

13 Whoso ^kdespiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment ^lshall be rewarded.

14 ^lThe law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from ^mthe snares of death.

15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.

16 ⁿEvery prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool ^olayeth open *his* folly.

17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but ^pa faithful ambassador *is* health.

18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth instruction: but ^rhe that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

19 ^sThe desire accomplished *is* sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20 He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools ^tshall be destroyed.

21 ^uEvil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and ^vthe wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

23 ^wMuch food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment.

24 ^xHe that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

25 ^yThe righteous cateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

CHAPTER XIV.

EVERY ^awise woman ^bbuildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: ^cbut *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.

3 In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: ^dbut the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

4 Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

5 ^eA faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but ^fknowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

9 ^gFools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.

10 The heart knoweth ^hhis own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

11 ⁱThe house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

12 ^jThere is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but ^kthe end thereof *are* the ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and ^lthe end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

14 The backslider in heart shall be ^mfilled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.

16 ⁿA wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

17 *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices *is* hated.

18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent *are* crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 ^oThe poor *is* hated even of his own neighbour: but ^pthe rich *hath* many friends.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: ^qbut he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

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cir. 1000.

^a Ex. 20. 16. &
23. 1. ch. 6. 19.
& 12. 17.
ver. 25.

^f ch. 8. 9. &
17. 24.

^g ch. 10. 23.

^h Heb. *the
bitterness of
his soul.*

ⁱ Job 8. 15.

^j ch. 16. 25.

^k Rom. 6. 21.

^l ch. 5. 4.
Eccles. 2. 2.

^m ch. 1. 31. &
12. 14.

ⁿ ch. 22. 3.

^o ch. 19. 7.

^p Heb. *many
are the lovers
of the rich.*

^q Ps. 41. 1. &
112. 9.

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22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

24 The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

25 ^aA true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.

26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 ^rThe fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people *is* the king's honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.

29 ^s*He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he that is* ²hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

30 A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but ^tenvy ^uthe rottenness of the bones.

31 ^xHe that oppresseth the poor reproacheth ^yhis Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but ^zthe righteous hath hope in his death.

33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but ^a*that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach ³to any people.

35 ^bThe king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath *is* *against* him that causeth shame.

CHAPTER XV.

A ^aSOFT answer turneth away wrath: but ^bgrievous words stir up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: ^cbut the mouth of fools ^dpoureth out foolishness.

3 ^dThe eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4 ²A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

5 ^eA fool despiseth his father's instruction: ^fbut he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6 In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.

8 ^gThe sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that ^hfolloweth after righteousness.

10 ³Correction *is* ⁱgrievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* ^khe that hateth reproof shall die.

11 ^lHell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then ^mthe hearts of the children of men?

12 ⁿA scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

13 ^oA merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but ^pby sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: ^qbut he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.

16 ^rBetter *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 ^sBetter *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

18 ^tA wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 ^uThe way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous ^v*is* made plain.

20 ^xA wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

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CHRIST
cir. 1000.

² Heb. *The healing of the tongue.*

^e ch. 10. 1.

^f ch. 13. 18. ver. 31, 32.

^g ch. 21. 27. & 28. 9. Isai. 1. 11. & 61. 8. & 66. 3. Jer. 6. 20. & 7. 22. Amos 5. 22.

^h ch. 21. 21. 1 Tim. 6. 11.

² Or, *Instruction.*

^l 1 Kin. 22. 8.

^k ch. 5. 12. & 10. 17.

^l Job 26. 6. Ps. 139. 8.

^m 2 Chron. 6. 30. Ps. 7. 9. & 44. 21.

John 2. 24, 25. & 21. 17.

Acts 1. 24.

ⁿ Amos 5. 10. 2 Tim. 4. 3.

^o ch. 17. 22.

^p ch. 12. 25.

^q ch. 17. 22.

^r Ps. 37. 16. ch. 16. 8. 1 Tim. 6. 6.

^s ch. 17. 1.

^t ch. 26. 21. & 29. 22.

^u ch. 22. 5.

^v Heb. *is raised up as a causeway.*

^x ch. 10. 1. & 29. 3.

^a ver. 5.

^r ch. 13. 14.

^a ch. 16. 32. Jam. 1. 19.

^s Heb. *short of spirit.*

^t Ps. 112. 10. ^u ch. 12. 4.

^x ch. 17. 5. Matt. 25. 40, 45.

^y See Job 31. 15, 16. ch. 22. 2.

^z Job 13. 15. & 19. 26. Ps. 23. 4. & 37. 37. 2 Cor. 1. 9. & 5. 8. 2 Tim. 4. 18.

^a ch. 12. 16. & 29. 11.

^s Heb. *to nations.*

^b Matt. 24. 45, 47.

^a Judg. 8. 1, 2, 3. ch. 25. 15.

^b 1 Sam. 25. 10, &c. 1 Kin. 12. 13, 14, 16.

^c ver. 28. ch. 12. 23. & 13. 16.

^d Heb. *belcheth, or, bubbleth.*

^d Job 34. 21. ch. 5. 21. Jer. 16. 17. & 32. 19. Hebr. 4. 13.

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CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^y ch. 10. 23.
^h Heb. *void of heart.*
^h Eph. 5. 15.
^a ch. 11. 14. & 20. 18.
^b ch. 25. 11.
^h Heb. *in his season.*
^c Phil. 3. 20.
Col. 3. 1, 2.

^d ch. 12. 7. & 14. 11.
^c Ps. 68. 5, 6. & 146. 9.
^f ch. 6. 16, 18.

^g Ps. 37. 30.
^h Heb. *words of pleasantness.*
^h ch. 11. 19.
Isai. 5. 8.
Jer. 17. 11.

ⁱ 1 Pet. 3. 15.

^k Ps. 10. 1. & 34. 16.
ⁱ Ps. 145. 18, 19.

^m ver. 5.

^o Or, *correction.*

^o Or, *obeyeth.*
^h Heb. *possesseth an heart.*

ⁿ ch. 1. 7.
^c ch. 18. 12.

^a ver. 9.
ch. 19. 21. & 20. 24.
Jer. 10. 23.

^o Or, *disposings.*

^h Matt. 10. 19, 20.

^c ch. 21. 2.

^d 1 Sam. 16. 7.

^c Ps. 37. 5. & 55. 22.

Matt. 6. 25.

Luke 12. 22.

Phil. 4. 6.

1 Pet. 5. 7.

^o Heb. *Roll.*

^f Isai. 43. 7.

Rom. 11. 36.

^g Job 21. 30.

Rom. 9. 22.

21 ^y Folly is joy to him that is ^a destitute of wisdom: ^a but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

22 ^a Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and ^b a word spoken ^h in due season, how good is it!

24 ^c The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

25 ^d The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but ^e he will establish the border of the widow.

26 ^f The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: ^g but the words of the pure are ^h pleasant words.

27 ^h He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

28 The heart of the righteous ⁱ studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

29 ^k The LORD is far from the wicked: but ⁱ he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat.

31 ^m The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

32 He that refuseth ^o instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that ^o heareth reproof ^h getteth understanding.

33 ⁿ The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and ^c before honour is humility.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE ^a preparations of the heart in man, ^b and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

2 ^c All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but ^d the LORD weigheth the spirits.

3 ^e Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

4 ^f The LORD hath made all things for himself: ^g yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

5 ^h Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: ⁱ though hand join in hand, he shall not be ^a unpunished.

6 ^k By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and ⁱ by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 ^m Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

9 ⁿ A man's heart deviseth his way: ^c but the LORD directeth his steps.

10 ^h A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

11 ^p A just weight and balance are the LORD's: ^h all the weights of the bag are his work.

12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for ^q the throne is established by righteousness.

13 ^r Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

14 ^s The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

15 In the light of the king's countenance is life; and ^t his favour is ^u as a cloud of the latter rain.

16 ^v How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

18 ^y Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

20 ^z He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso ^a trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

22 ^a Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^h ch. 6. 17. & 8. 13.
ⁱ ch. 11. 21.
^h Heb. *held innocent.*
^k Dan. 4. 27.
Luke 11. 41.
ⁱ ch. 14. 16.

^m Ps. 37. 16.
ch. 15. 16.

ⁿ ver. 1.
ch. 19. 21.
^c Ps. 37. 23.
Prov. 20. 24.
Jer. 10. 23.
^h Heb. *Divination.*

^p Lev. 19. 36.
ch. 11. 1.
^h Heb. *all the stones.*

^q ch. 25. 5. & 29. 14.

^r ch. 14. 35. & 22. 11.

^s ch. 19. 12. & 20. 2.

^t ch. 19. 12.

^u Job 29. 23.
Zech. 10. 1.
^z ch. 8. 11, 19.

^y ch. 11. 2. & 17. 19. & 18. 12.

^o Or, *He that understandeth a matter.*

^h Ps. 2. 12. & 34. 8. & 125. 1.
Isai. 30. 18.
Jer. 17. 7.

^a ch. 13. 14. & 14. 27.

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CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^b Ps. 37. 30.
Matt. 12. 34.
^a Heb. *maketh wise.*

^c ch. 14. 12.

^d See ch. 9. 12.
Eccles. 6. 7.

^e Heb.
The soul of him that laboureth.

^f Heb. *boweth unto him.*

^g Heb. *A man of Belial.*

^h ch. 6. 14, 19.
& 15. 18. & 26.
21. & 29. 22.

ⁱ Heb. *sendeth forth.*

^j ch. 17. 9.

^k ch. 1. 10, &c.

^l ch. 20. 29.

^m ch. 19. 11.

ⁿ ch. 15. 17.

^o Or, *good cheer.*

^p ch. 10. 5. &
19. 26.

^q Ps. 26. 2.
ch. 27. 21.
Jer. 17. 10.
Mal. 3. 3.

^r ch. 14. 31.

^s Job 31. 29.
Obad. 12.

^t Heb. *held innocent.*

^u Ps. 127. 3. &
128. 3.

23 ^b The heart of the wise ² teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25 ^c There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

26 ^d ³ He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth ⁴ craveth it of him.

27 ⁵ An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.

28 ⁶ A froward man ⁶ soweth strife: and ⁷ a whisperer separateth chief friends.

29 A violent man ⁸ enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good.

30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

31 ^h The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness.

32 ⁱ *He that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

CHAPTER XVII.

BETTER *is* ^a a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of ⁷ sacrifices *with* strife.

2 A wise servant shall have rule over ^b a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

3 ^c The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

5 ^d Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* ^e he that is glad at calamities shall not be ⁸ unpunished.

6 ^f Children's children *are* the

crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

7 ² Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do ³ lying lips a prince.

8 ⁴ A gift *is as* ⁴ a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

9 ^h He that covereth a transgression ⁵ seeketh love; but ⁱ he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

10 ⁶ A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

11 An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

12 Let ^k a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

13 Whoso ^l rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore ^m leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

15 ⁿ He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.

16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, ^o seeing *he hath* no heart to it?

17 ^p A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18 ^q A man void of ⁷ understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* ^r he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

20 ^s He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath ^a a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

21 ^t He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

22 ^u A merry heart doeth good ⁹ *like* a medicine: ^x but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

23 A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom ^y to pervert the ways of judgment.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^a Heb. *A lip of excellency.*

^b Heb. *a lip of lying.*

^c ch. 18. 16. & 19. 6.

^d Heb. *a stone of grace.*

^e ch. 10. 12.

^f Or, *procureth.*

^g ch. 16. 28.

^h Or, *A reproof aveth more a wise man, than to strike a fool an hundred times.*

ⁱ Hos. 13. 8.

^j Ps. 109. 4, 5.
Jer. 18. 20.
See Rom. 12. 17.

^k 1 Thess. 5. 15.
1 Pet. 3. 9.

^l ch. 20. 3.
1 Thess. 4. 11.

^m Ex. 23. 7.
ch. 24. 24.
Isai. 5. 23.

ⁿ ch. 21. 25, 26.

^o Ruth 1. 16.
ch. 18. 24.

^p ch. 6. 1. &
11. 15.

^q Heb. *heart.*

^r ch. 16. 18.

^s Heb. *The froward of heart.*

^t Jam. 3. 8.

^u ch. 10. 1. &
19. 13. ver. 25.

^v ch. 12. 25. &
15. 13, 15.

^w Or, *to a medicine.*

^x Ps. 22. 15.

^y Ex. 23. 8.

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cir. 1000.

^a ch. 14. 6.
Eccles. 2. 14.
& 8. 1.

^a ch. 10. 1.
& 15. 20. &
19. 13.
ver. 21.

^b ver. 15.
ch. 18. 5.

^c Jam. 1. 19.

^a Or, a cool
spirit.

^d Job 13. 5.

^a Or, He that
separateth
himself seek-
eth according
to his desire,
and inter-
meddleth
in every
business :
See Jude 19.

^a ch. 10. 11.
& 20. 5.
^b Ps. 78. 2.

^c Lev. 19. 15.
Deut. 1. 17.
& 16. 19.
ch. 24. 24. &
28. 21.

^d ch. 10. 14.
& 12. 13. &
13. 3.
Eccles. 10. 12.

^c ch. 12. 18. &
26. 22.

^d Or,
whisperer.
^e Or, like as
when men
are wounded.

^f Heb.
chambers.

^f ch. 28. 24.
^g 2 Sam. 22. 3,
51. Ps. 18. 2.
& 27. 1. &
61. 3, 4. &
91. 2. & 144. 2.

^h Heb. is set
aloft.

ⁱ ch. 10. 15.
^j ch. 11. 2.
& 15. 33. &
16. 18.

24 ^a Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.

25 ^a A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

26 Also ^b to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.

27 ^c He that hath knowledge spar-eth his words: *and* a man of understanding *is* of ^d an excellent spirit.

28 ^d Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, *is* counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is* esteemed a man of understanding.

CHAPTER XVIII.

THROUGH ^a desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.

2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

3 When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

4 ^a The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, ^b *and* the well-spring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.

5 ^c *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

7 ^d A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

8 ^e The words of a ^f talebearer *are* ^g as wounds, and they go down into the ^h innermost parts of the belly.

9 He also that *is* slothful in his work *is* ⁱ brother to him that *is* a great waster.

10 ^j The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and ^k *is* safe.

11 ^l The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

12 ^m Before destruction the heart of man *is* haughty, and before honour *is* humility.

13 He that ⁿ answereth a matter ^o before he heareth *it*, *it is* folly and shame unto him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 ^p A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

17 *He that is* first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

20 ^q A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 ^r Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 ^s *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth ^t roughly.

24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: ^u *and* there *is* a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

CHAPTER XIX.

BBETTER ^v *is* the poor that walk-eth in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and *is* a fool.

2 Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth.

3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: ^w *and* his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 ^x Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor *is* separated from his neighbour.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^y Heb. return-
eth a word.
^z John 7. 51.

¹ Gen. 32. 20.
1 Sam. 25. 27.
ch. 17. 8. &
21. 14.

^m ch. 12. 14.
& 13. 2.

ⁿ See Matt.
12. 37.

^o ch. 19. 14. &
31. 10.

^p Jam. 2. 3.

^q ch. 17. 17.

^r ch. 28. 6.

^s Ps. 37. 7.

^t ch. 14. 20.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^d ver. 9.
Ex. 23. 1.
Deut. 19. 16,
19. ch. 6. 19.
& 21. 28.

^h Heb. *held innocent.*

^o ch. 29. 26.

^f ch. 17. 8.
& 18. 16. &
21. 14.

^h Heb. *a man of gifts.*

^h ch. 14. 20.

^h Ps. 38. 11.

^h Heb. *an heart.*

^h ch. 16. 20.

^k ver. 5.

^h ch. 30. 22.
Eccles. 10. 6, 7.

^m ch. 14. 29.

Jam. 1. 19.

^h Or, *prudence.*

^h ch. 16. 32.

^o ch. 16. 14, 15.
& 20. 2. &
28. 15.

^h Hos. 14. 5.

^q ch. 10. 1.
& 15. 20. &
17. 21, 25.

^h ch. 21. 9, 19.
& 27. 15.

^h 2 Cor. 12. 14.

^h ch. 18. 22.

^u ch. 6. 9.

^x ch. 10. 4.
& 20. 13. &
23. 21.

^y Luke 10. 28.
& 11. 28.

^z ch. 28. 27.
Eccles. 11. 1.
Matt. 10. 42.
& 25. 40.
2 Cor. 9. 6, 7, 8.
Hebr. 6. 10.

^h Or, *his deed.*

^h ch. 13. 24.
& 23. 13. &
29. 17.

^h Or, *to his destruction : or, to cause him to die.*

^h Heb. *add.*

^b Ps. 37. 37.

^o Job 23. 13.
Ps. 33. 10, 11.
ch. 16. 1, 9.
Isai. 14. 26, 27.
& 46. 10.
Acts 5. 39.
Hebr. 6. 17.

5 ^d A false witness shall not be ² unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.

6 ^e Many will intreat the favour of the prince : and ^f every man *is* a friend to ³ him that giveth gifts.

7 ^g All the brethren of the poor do hate him : how much more do his friends go ^h far from him ? he pursueth *them with words, yet they are wanting to him.*

8 He that getteth ⁴ wisdom loveth his own soul : he that keepeth understanding ⁱ shall find good.

9 ^k A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool ; much less ^l for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 ^m The ⁵ discretion of a man deferreth his anger ; ⁿ and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 ^o The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion ; but his favour *is* ^p as dew upon the grass.

13 ^q A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father : ^r and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

14 ^s House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers : and ^t a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

15 ^u Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep ; and an idle soul shall ^x suffer hunger.

16 ^y He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul ; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die.

17 ^z He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD ; and ⁶ that which he hath given will he pay him again.

18 ^a Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare ⁷ for his crying.

19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment : for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must ⁸ do it again.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise ^b in thy latter end.

21 ^c *There are* many devices in a man's heart ; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

22 The desire of a man *is* his kindness : and a poor man *is* better than a liar.

23 ^d The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life : and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied ; he shall not be visited with evil.

24 ^e A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

25 ^f Smite a scorner, and the simple ² ^g will beware : and ^h reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.

26 He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* ⁱ a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to err from the words of knowledge.

28 ^j An ungodly witness scorneth judgment : and ^k the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, ^l and stripes for the back of fools.

CHAPTER XX.

WINE ^a *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging : and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

2 ^b The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion : *whoso* provoketh him to anger ^c sinneth *against* his own soul.

3 ^d *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife : but every fool will be meddling.

4 ^e The sluggard will not plow by reason of the ⁴ cold ; ^f *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.

5 ^g Counsel in the heart of man *is* *like* deep water ; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 ^h Most men will proclaim every one his own ⁵ goodness : but ⁱ a faithful man who can find ?

7 ^k The just *man* walketh in his integrity : ^l his children *are* blessed after him.

8 ^m A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1000.

^d 1 Tim. 4. 8.

^o ch. 15. 19. &
26. 13, 15.

^f ch. 21. 11.

^h Heb. *will be cunning.*

^k Deut. 13. 11.

^h ch. 9. 8.

^l ch. 17. 2.

^h Heb. *A witness of Belial.*

^k Job 15. 16.
& 20. 12, 13.
& 34. 7.

^l ch. 10. 13.
& 26. 3.

^a Gen. 9. 21.
ch. 23. 29, 30.
Isai. 28. 7.
Hos. 4. 11.

^b ch. 16. 14.
& 19. 12.

^c ch. 8. 36.

^d ch. 17. 14.

^e ch. 10. 4. &
19. 24.

^f Or, *winter.*

^f ch. 19. 15.

^g ch. 18. 4.

^h ch. 25. 14.
Matt. 6. 2.
Luke 18. 11.

ⁱ Or, *bounty.*

^j Ps. 12. 1.

^k Luke 18. 8.

^l 2 Cor. 1. 12.

^l Ps. 37. 26. &
112. 2.

^m ver. 26.

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- ⁿ 1 Kin. 8. 46.
² Chron. 6. 36.
 Job 14. 4.
 Ps. 51. 5.
 Eccles. 7. 20.
 1 Cor. 4. 4.
 1 John 1. 8.
^o Dcut. 25. 13,
 &c. vor. 23.
 ch. 11. 1. &
 16. 11.
 Mic. 6. 10, 11.
^h Heb. *A stone
 and a stone.*
^h Heb. *an
 ephah and
 an ephah.*
^p Matt. 7. 16.
^q Ex. 4. 11.
 Ps. 94. 9.
^r ch. 6. 9. & 12.
 11. & 19. 15.
 Rom. 12. 11.
^s Job 28. 12, 16,
 17, 18, 19.
 ch. 3. 15. &
 8. 11.
^t ch. 22. 26, 27.
 & 27. 13.
^u ch. 9. 17.
^v Heb. *Bread
 of lying, or,
 falsehood.*
^x ch. 15. 22. &
 24. 6.
^y Luke 14. 31.
^z ch. 11. 13.
^a Rom. 16. 18.
^b Or, *enticeth.*
^c Ex. 21. 17.
 Lev. 20. 9.
 Matt. 15. 4.
^d Job 18. 5, 6.
 ch. 24. 20.
^e Or, *candle.*
^f ch. 28. 20.
^g Hab. 2. 6.
^h Dcut. 32. 35.
 ch. 17. 13. &
 24. 29. Rom.
 12. 17, 19.
 1 Thess. 5. 15.
 1 Pet. 3. 9.
ⁱ 2 Sam. 16. 12.
^j ver. 10.
^k Heb. *balances
 of deceit.*
^l Ps. 37. 23.
 ch. 16. 9.
 Jer. 10. 23.
^m Eccles. 5. 4, 5.
ⁿ Ps. 101. 5, &c.
 ver. 8.

9 ⁿ Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

10 ^o ² Divers weights, *and* ³ divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.

11 Even a child is ^p known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

12 ^q The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

13 ^r Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

14 *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but ^s the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

16 ^t Take his garment that is surety for a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

17 ^u ⁴ Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 ^x *Every* purpose is established by counsel: ^y and with good advice make war.

19 ^z He that goeth about *as* a tale-bearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him ^a that ^b flattereth with his lips.

20 ^b Whoso curseth his father or his mother, ^c his ^e lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21 ^d An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; ^e but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 ^f Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* ^g wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

23 ^h Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and ⁱ a false balance *is* not good.

24 ⁱ Man's goings *are* of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?

25 *It is* a snare to the man *who* devoureth *that which is* holy, and ^k after vows to make enquiry.

26 ^l A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

27 ^m The spirit of man *is* the ² candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

28 ⁿ Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

29 The glory of young men *is* their strength: and ^o the beauty of old men *is* the grey head.

30 The blueness of a wound ³ cleanseth away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly.

CHAPTER XXI.

THE king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

2 ^a Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: ^b but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

3 ^c To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

4 ^d ⁴ An high look, and a proud heart, *and* ^e the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin.

5 ^e The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.

6 ^f The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

7 The robbery of the wicked shall ^g destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.

8 The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

9 ^h *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with ⁱ a brawling woman in ^h a wide house.

10 ⁱ The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour ^j findeth no favour in his eyes.

11 ⁱ When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but* God overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.

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- ^m 1 Cor. 2. 11.
ⁿ Or, *lamp.*
^o Ps. 101. 1.
 ch. 29. 14.
^p ch. 16. 31.
^q Heb. *is
 a purging
 medicine
 against evil.*
^a ch. 16. 2.
^b ch. 24. 12.
 Luke 16. 15.
^c 1 Sam. 15. 22.
 Ps. 50. 8.
 ch. 15. 8.
 Isai. 1. 11, &c.
 Hos. 6. 6.
 Mic. 6. 7, 8.
^d ch. 6. 17.
^e Heb. *Haughtiness
 of eyes.*
^f Or, *the light
 of the wicked.*
^g ch. 10. 4. &
 13. 4.
^h ch. 10. 2. &
 13. 11. & 20.
 21. 2 Pet. 2. 3.
ⁱ Heb. *saw
 them, or,
 dwell with
 them.*
^j ver. 19.
 ch. 19. 13.
 & 25. 24. &
 27. 15.
^k Heb. *a
 woman of
 contentions.*
^l Heb. *an house
 of society.*
^m Jam. 4. 5.
ⁿ Heb. *is not
 favoured.*
^o ch. 19. 25.

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^k Matt. 7. 2. &
18. 30. &c.
Jam. 2. 13.
^l ch. 17. 8, 23.
& 18. 16.

^m ch. 10. 29.

ⁿ Or, sport.

ⁿ ch. 11. 8.
Isai. 43. 3, 4.

^o ver. 9.

^p Heb. in the
land of the
desert.

^p Ps. 112. 3.
Matt. 25. 3, 4.

^q ch. 15. 9.
Matt. 5. 6.

^r Eccles. 9. 14,
&c.

^s ch. 12. 13. &
13. 3. & 18. 21.
Jam. 3. 2.

^t Heb. in the
wrath of
pride.

^u ch. 13. 4.

^v Ps. 37. 26. &
112. 9.

^w Ps. 50. 9.
ch. 15. 8.
Isai. 66. 3.
Jer. 6. 20.
Amos 5. 22.

^x Heb. in
wickedness?
^y ch. 19. 5, 9.
^z Heb. A wil-
ness of lies.

^{aa} Or, con-
sidereth.

^{ab} Isai. 8. 9, 10.
Jer. 9. 23.
Acts 5. 39.

18 ^kWhoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

14 ^lA gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: ^mbut destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17 He that loveth ⁿpleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 ⁿThe wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19 ^o*It is* better to dwell ^pin the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20 ^p*There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21 ^qHe that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22 ^rA wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23 ^sWhoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth ^tin proud wrath.

25 ^uThe desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the ^vrighteous giveth and spareth not.

27 ^wThe sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it ^xwith a wicked mind?

28 ^y^zA false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he ^{aa}directeth his way.

30 ^{ab}*There is* no wisdom nor un-

derstanding nor counsel against the LORD.

31 ^{ac}The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but ^b²safety *is* of the LORD.

CHAPTER XXII.

A ^a*GOOD* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* ³loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 ^bThe rich and poor meet together: ^cthe LORD *is* the maker of them all.

3 ^dA prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 ^e⁴By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.

5 ^fThorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: ^ghe that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

6 ^h⁵Train up a child ⁶in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 ⁱThe rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant ⁷to the lender.

8 ^kHe that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: ⁸and the rod of his anger shall fail.

9 ^l⁹He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 ^mCast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

11 ⁿHe that loveth pureness of heart, ²for the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth ³the words of the transgressor.

13 ^oThe slothful man saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

14 ^pThe mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: ^qhe that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; but ^rthe rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

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^a Ps. 20. 7. &
33. 17.
Isai. 31. 1.
^b Ps. 3. 8.
² Or, victory.

^a Eccles. 7. 1.

³ Or, favour *is*
better than,
&c.

^b ch. 29. 13.
1 Cor. 12. 21.
^c Job 31. 15.
ch. 14. 31.

^d ch. 14. 16. &
27. 12.

^e Ps. 112. 3.
Matt. 6. 33.

⁴ Or, *The*
reward of
humility, &c.

^f ch. 15. 19.

⁵ 1 John 5. 18.

^h Eph. 6. 4.
2 Tim. 3. 15.

⁶ Or, *Catechise*.
⁶ Heb. in his
way.

ⁱ Jam. 2. 6.

⁷ Heb. to the
man that
lendeth.

^k Job 4. 8.
Hos. 10. 13.

⁸ Or, *and*
with the rod
of his anger
he shall be
consumed.

^l 2 Cor. 9. 6.

⁹ Heb. Good
of eye.

^m Gen. 21. 9, 10.
Ps. 101. 5.

ⁿ Ps. 101. 6.
ch. 16. 13.

² Or, and hath
grace in his
lips.

³ Or, *the*
matters.

^o ch. 26. 13.

^p ch. 2. 16. &
5. 3. & 7. 5.
& 23. 27.

^q Eccles. 7. 26.

^r ch. 13. 24.
& 19. 18. &
23. 13, 14. &
29. 15, 17.

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16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*, and he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely come to want.

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them ² within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, ³ even to thee.

20 Have not I written to thee ⁴ excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

21 ⁵ That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; ⁶ that thou mightest answer the words of truth ⁷ to them that send unto thee?

22 ⁸ Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: ⁹ neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

23 ¹⁰ For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

26 ¹¹ Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are sureties for debts.

27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he ¹² take away thy bed from under thee?

28 ¹³ Remove not the ancient ¹⁴ landmark, which thy fathers have set.

29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before ¹⁵ mean men.

CHAPTER XXIII.

WHEN thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee:

2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite.

3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat.

4 ¹⁶ Labour not to be rich: ¹⁷ cease from thine own wisdom.

5 ¹⁸ Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

6 ¹⁹ Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* ²⁰ an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, ²¹ saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.

8 The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

9 ²² Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

10 ²³ Remove not the old ²⁴ landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

11 ²⁵ For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

13 ²⁶ Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and ²⁷ shalt deliver his soul from hell.

15 My son, ²⁸ if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, ²⁹ even mine.

16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

17 ³⁰ Let not thine heart envy sinners: but ³¹ *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

18 ³² For surely there is an ³³ end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and ³⁴ guide thine heart in the way.

20 ³⁵ Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters ³⁶ of flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and ³⁷ drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

22 ³⁸ Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

BEFORE
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^a ch. 28. 20.
¹ Tim. 6. 9, 10.

^b ch. 3. 5.
Rom. 12. 16.

² Heb. *Wilt thou cause thine eyes to fly upon.*

^c Ps. 141. 4.

^d Deut. 15. 9.

^e Ps. 12. 2.

^f ch. 9. 8.
Matt. 7. 6.

^g Deut. 19. 14.
& 27. 17.
ch. 22. 28.

^h Or, *bound.*

ⁱ Job 31. 21.
ch. 22. 23.

^j ch. 13. 24.
& 19. 18. &
22. 15. &
29. 15, 17.

^k 1 Cor. 5. 5.

^l ver. 24, 25.
ch. 29. 3.

^m Or, *even I* will rejoice.

ⁿ Ps. 37. 1.
& 73. 3.
ch. 3. 31. &
24. 1.

^o ch. 28. 14.

^p Ps. 37. 37.
ch. 24. 14.
Luke 16. 25.

^q Or, *reward.*

^r ch. 4. 23.

^s Isai. 5. 22.
Matt. 24. 49.
Luke 21. 34.
Rom. 13. 13.
Eph. 5. 18.

^t Heb. *of their flesh.*

^u ch. 19. 15.

^v ch. 1. 8. &
30. 17.
Eph. 6. 1, 2.

^a Heb. *in thy belly.*

^b Or, *trust thou also.*

^c ch. 8. 6.

^d Luke 1. 3, 4.

^e 1 Pet. 3. 15.

^f Or, *to those that send thee?*

^g Ex. 23. 6.
Job 31. 16, 21.

^h Zech. 7. 10.
Mal. 3. 5.

ⁱ 1 Sam. 24. 12.
& 25. 39.
Ps. 12. 5. &
35. 1, 10. & 68.
5. & 140. 12.
ch. 23. 11.
Jer. 51. 36.

^j ch. 6. 1. &
11. 15.

^k ch. 20. 16.

^l Deut. 19. 14.
& 27. 17.
ch. 23. 10.

^m Or, *bound.*

ⁿ Heb. *obscure men.*

BEFORE
CHRIST
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^t ch. 4. 5, 7.
Matt. 13. 44.
^u ch. 10. 1. &
15. 20.
ver. 15.

^x ch. 22. 14.

^y ch. 7. 12.
Eccles. 7. 26.
^z Or, *as a*
robber.

^z Isai. 5. 11, 22.

^a Gen. 49. 12.

^b ch. 20. 1.
Eph. 5. 18.
^c Ps. 75. 8.
ch. 9. 2.

^z Or, *a*
cockatrice.

^d Heb. *in the*
heart of the
sea.

^d ch. 27. 22.
Jer. 5. 3.

^e Heb. *I knew*
it not.

^e Eph. 4. 19.

^f See Deut.
29. 19.
Isai. 56. 12.

^a Ps. 37. 1, &c.
& 73. 3.
ch. 3. 31. &
23. 17.
ver. 19.

^b Prov. 1. 15.

^c Ps. 10. 7.

23 ^t Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

24 ^u The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

27 ^x For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit.

28 ^y She also lieth in wait ^z as *for* a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

29 ^z Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who ^a hath redness of eyes?

30 ^b They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek ^c mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like ^z an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down ^d in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 ^d They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and ^e I felt *it* not: ^f when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

CHAPTER XXIV.

BE not thou ^a envious against evil men, ^b neither desire to be with them.

2 ^c For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

5 ^d A wise man ^z *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge ^z increaseth strength.

6 ^e For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

7 ^f Wisdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that ^g deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

9 The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.

10 *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* ^h small.

11 ^h If thou forbear to deliver *them that are* drawn unto death, and *those that are* ready to be slain;

12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not ⁱ he that pondereth the heart consider *it*? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he know *it*? and shall *not* he render to *every* man ^k according to his works?

13 My son, ^l eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet ^m to thy taste:

14 ^m So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it*, ⁿ then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

15 ^o Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:

16 ^p For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: ^q but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

17 ^r Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

18 Lest the LORD see *it*, and ^s it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 ^t Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;

20 For ^u there shall be no reward to the evil man; ^v the ^z candle of the wicked shall be put out.

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^d ch. 21. 22.
Eccles. 9. 16.
^z Heb. *is in*
strength.

^z Heb.
strengtheneth
might.

^c ch. 11. 14.
& 15. 22. &
20. 18.
Luke 14. 31.

^f Ps. 10. 5.
ch. 14. 6.

^g Rom. 1. 30.

^d Heb. *narrow.*

^h Ps. 82. 4.
Isai. 58. 6, 7.
1 John 3. 16.

ⁱ ch. 21. 2.

^k Job 34. 11.
Ps. 62. 12.
Jer. 32. 19.
Rom. 2. 6.
Rev. 2. 23. &
22. 12.

^l Cant. 5. 1.

^m Heb. *upon*
thy palate.

ⁿ Ps. 19. 10. &
119. 103.

^o ch. 23. 18.

^p Ps. 10. 9, 10.

^q Job 5. 19.
Ps. 34. 19. &
37. 24.
Mic. 7. 8.

^r Esth. 7. 10.
Amos 5. 2.
& 8. 14.
Rev. 18. 21.

^s Job 31. 29.
Ps. 35. 15, 19.
ch. 17. 5.
Obad. 12.

^t Heb. *it be*
evil in his
eyes.

^u Ps. 37. 1. &
73. 3.
ch. 23. 17.
ver. 1.

^v Or, *Keep not*
company with
the wicked.

^z Ps. 11. 6.

^z Job 18. 5, 6.
& 21. 17.
ch. 13. 9. &
20. 20.

^z Or, *lamp.*

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¹ Rom. 13. 7.
¹ Pet. 2. 17.
² Heb.
changers.

⁷ Lev. 19. 15.
Deut. 1. 17.
& 16. 19.
ch. 18. 5. &
28. 21.
John 7. 24.
⁸ ch. 17. 15.
Isai. 5. 23.

³ Heb. *a blessing of good.*

⁴ Heb. *that answereth right words.*

⁵ 1 Kin. 5. 17,
18.
Luke 14. 28.
⁶ Eph. 4. 25.

⁷ ch. 20. 22.
Matt. 5. 39, 44.
Rom. 12. 17,
19.

⁸ Gen. 3. 18.

⁹ Heb. *set my heart.*

¹⁰ ch. 6. 9, &c.

¹¹ Heb. *a man of shield.*

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¹² 1 Kin. 4. 32.

¹³ Deut. 29. 29.
Rom. 11. 33.

21 My son, ¹ fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with ² them that are given to change:

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

23 These *things* also *belong* to the wise. ³ *It is* not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 ⁴ He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and ⁵ a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 *Every man* shall kiss *his* lips ⁶ that giveth a right answer.

27 ⁷ Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

28 ⁸ Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips.

29 ⁹ Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And, lo, ¹⁰ it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

32 Then I saw, *and* ¹¹ considered *it* well: I looked upon *it*, *and* received instruction.

33 ¹² Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth; and thy want *as* ¹³ an armed man.

CHAPTER XXV.

¹ Observations about kings, 8 and about avoiding causes of quarrels, and sundry causes thereof.

² **T**HESE are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 ³ *It is* the glory of God to conceal

a thing: but the honour of kings *is* ⁴ to search out a matter.

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings ⁵ *is* unsearchable.

4 ⁶ Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

5 ⁷ Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and ⁸ his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6 ⁹ Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men*:

7 ¹⁰ For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

8 ¹¹ Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9 ¹² Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*; and ¹³ discover not a secret to another:

10 Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

11 ¹⁴ A word ¹⁵ fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 *As* an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprovcr upon an obedient ear.

13 ¹⁶ As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

14 ¹⁷ Whoso boasteth himself ¹⁸ of a false gift *is like* ¹⁹ clouds and wind without rain.

15 ²⁰ By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

16 ²¹ Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 ²² Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be ²³ weary of thee, and *so* hate thee.

18 ²⁴ A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour *is* a

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¹ Job 29. 16.

² Heb. *there is no searching.*
³ 2 Tim. 2. 21.

⁴ ch. 20. 8.

⁵ ch. 16. 12. &
29. 14.

⁶ Heb. *Set not out thy glory.*

⁷ Luke 14. 8,
9, 10.

⁸ ch. 17. 14.
Matt. 5. 25.

⁹ Matt. 5. 25.
& 18. 15.

¹⁰ Or, *discover not the secret of another.*

¹¹ ch. 15. 23.
Isai. 50. 4.
¹² Heb. *spoken upon his wheels.*

¹³ ch. 13. 17.

¹⁴ ch. 20. 6.
¹⁵ Heb. *in a gift of falsehood.*
¹⁶ Jude 12.

¹⁷ Gen. 32. 4, &c.
1 Sam. 25. 24,
&c. ch. 15. 1.
& 16. 14.

¹⁸ ver. 27.

¹⁹ Or, *Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbour's house.*
²⁰ Heb. *full of thee.*

²¹ Ps. 57. 4. &
120. 3, 4.
ch. 12. 18.

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maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20 *As* he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon nitre, so *is* he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

21 ^a If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, ^a and the LORD shall reward thee.

23 ^u ² The north wind driveth away rain: so *doth* an angry countenance ^x a backbiting tongue.

24 ^y *It is* better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

25 *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul, so *is* good news from a far country.

26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is as* a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

27 ^z *It is* not good to eat much honey: so *for men* ^a to search their own glory *is not* glory.

28 ^b He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city *that is* broken down, *and* without walls.

CHAPTER XXVI.

1 Observations about fools, 13 about sluggards, 17 and about contentious busybodies.

^a **A**S snow in summer, ^a and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

2 *As* the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so ^b the curse causeless shall not come.

3 ^c A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

5 ^d Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in ³ his own conceit.

6 He that sendeth a message by

the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, *and* drinketh ² damage.

7 The legs of the lame ³ are not equal: so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

8 ⁴ *As* he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so *is* he that giveth honour to a fool.

9 *As* a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

10 ⁵ The great *God* that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.

11 ^e *As* a dog returneth to his vomit, ^f so a fool ⁶ returneth to his folly.

12 ^g Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

13 ^h The slothful man saith, *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets.

14 *As* the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his bed.

15 ⁱ The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom; ^j it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

16 The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

17 He that passeth by, *and* ^k meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.

18 *As* a mad man who casteth ⁹ firebrands, arrows, and death,

19 So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, ^k Am not I in sport?

20 ² Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so ¹ where *there is* no ³ talebearer, the strife ⁴ ceaseth.

21 ^m *As* coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

22 ⁿ The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the ⁵ innermost parts of the belly.

23 Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross.

24 He that hateth ⁶ dissembleth

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² Or, violence.

³ Heb. are lifted up.

⁴ Or, *As he that putteth a precious stone in an heap of stones.*

⁵ Or, *A great man grieveth all, and he hireth the fool, he hireth also transgressors.*

⁶ 2 Pet. 2. 22.

^f Ex. 8. 15.

^g Heb. iterateth his folly.

^h ch. 29. 20.

Luke 18. 11.

Rom. 12. 16.

Rev. 3. 17.

ⁱ ch. 22. 13.

^j ch. 19. 24.

^k Or, he is weary.

^k Or, is enraged.

⁹ Heb. flames, or, sparks.

^k Eph. 5. 4.

² Heb. Without wood.

¹ ch. 22. 10.

³ Or, whisperer.

⁴ Heb. is silent.

^m ch. 15. 18. & 29. 22.

ⁿ ch. 18. 8.

⁵ Heb. chambers.

⁶ Or, is known.

^a Dan. 6. 18.
Rom. 12. 15.
^b Ex. 23. 4, 5.
Matt. 5. 44.
Rom. 12. 20.

^c 2 Sam. 16. 12.

^d Job 37. 22.

^e Or, *The north wind bringeth forth rain: so doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.*

^f Ps. 101. 5.

^g ch. 19. 13. & 21. 9, 19.

^h ver. 16.

ⁱ ch. 27. 2.

^j ch. 16. 32.

^a 1 Sam. 12. 17.

^b Num. 23. 8.
Deut. 23. 5.

^c Ps. 32. 9.
ch. 10. 13.

^d Matt. 16. 1, —4. & 21. 24, —27.
^e Heb. his own eyes.

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^o Ps. 28. 3.
Jer. 9. 8.
^h Heb. *maketh
his voice
gracious.*
^h Or, *hatred
is covered in
secret.*

^p Ps. 7. 15, 16.
& 9. 15. &
10. 2. & 57. 6.
ch. 28. 10.
Eccles. 10. 8.

^a Luke 12. 19,
20.
Jam. 4. 13, &c.
^h Heb. *to
morrow day.*
^b ch. 25. 27.

^h Heb.
heaviness.

^h Heb. *Wrath
is cruelty,
and anger an
overflowing.*

^o 1 John 3. 12.
^h Or, *jealousy*?

^d ch. 28. 23.
Gal. 2. 14.
^o Ps. 141. 5.

^h Or, *earnest,
or, frequent.*
^h Heb. *treadeth
under foot.*
^h Job 6. 7.

^h Heb. *from
the counsel
of the soul.*

^h ch. 17. 17. &
18. 24.
See ch. 19. 7.

^h ch. 10. 1. &
23. 15, 24.

with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

25 ^o When he ^h speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

26 *Whose* ^h hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.

27 ^p Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth *those that* are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

CHAPTER XXVII.

1 *Observations of selflove, 5 of true love, 11 of care to avoid offences, 23 and of the household care.*

BOAST ^a not thyself of ^h to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

2 ^b Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone *is* ^h heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath *is* heavier than them both.

4 ^h Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* outrageous; but ^o who *is* able to stand before ^h envy?

5 ^d Open rebuke *is* better than secret love.

6 ^o Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* ^h deceitful.

7 The full soul ^h loatheth an honeycomb; but ^h to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so *is* a man that wandereth from his place.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend ^h by hearty counsel.

10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for ^h better *is* a neighbour *that is* near than a brother far off.

11 ^h My son, be wise, and make

my heart glad, ^h that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

12 ^h A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

13 ^h Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

15 ^m A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, *which* bewrayeth *itself*.

17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

18 ⁿ Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

19 As in water face *answereth* to face, so the heart of man to man.

20 ^h Hell and destruction are ^h never full; so ^p the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 ^h As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so *is* a man to his praise.

22 ^r Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and ^h look well to thy herds.

24 For ^h riches *are* not for ever: and doth the crown *endure* ^h to every generation?

25 ^h The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

26 The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field.

27 And *thou shalt have* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the ^h maintenance for thy maidens.

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^h Ps. 127. 5.
^h ch. 22. 3.

^h See Ex. 22. 26.
ch. 20. 16.

^m ch. 19. 13.

ⁿ 1 Cor. 9. 7, 13.

^o ch. 30. 16.
Hab. 2. 5.

^h Heb. *not.*
^h Eccles. 1. 8.
& 6. 7.
^h ch. 17. 3.

^r ch. 23. 35.
Isai. 1. 5.
Jer. 5. 3.

^h Heb. *set thy
heart.*

^h Heb. *strength.*
^h Heb. *to gene-
ration and
generation?*
^h Ps. 104. 14.

^h Heb. *life.*

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ch. 11. 10. &
28. 12, 28.^c Or, *increased*.^c Esth. 3. 15.^d ch. 10. 1.& 15. 20. &
27. 11.^e ch. 5. 9, 10. &
6. 26. & 28. 7.
Luke 15. 13,
30.^f Heb. *a man*
of oblations.^f Job 29. 16. &
31. 13.
Ps. 41. 1.^g ch. 11. 11.^h Or, *set a city*
on fire.ⁱ Ezek. 22. 30.^j Matt. 11. 17.^k Heb. *Men of*
blood.^k Gen. 4. 5, 8.

1 John 3. 12.

^l Judg. 16. 17.ch. 12. 16. &
14. 33.^m Or, *the*
usurer.^m ch. 22. 2.ⁿ Matt. 5. 45.^o ch. 20. 28.

& 25. 5.

^p Ps. 72. 2, 4,
13, 14.^q ver. 17.^r ch. 10. 1. &
17. 21, 25.^s Ps. 37. 36. &
58. 10. & 91. 8.
& 92. 11.^t ch. 13. 24.
& 19. 18. &
22. 15. &
23. 13, 14.
ver. 15.^u 1 Sam. 3. 1.
Amos 8. 11, 12.^v Or, *is made*
naked.^w John 13. 17.
Jam. 1. 25.

2 ^b When the righteous are ^a in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, ^c the people mourn.

8 ^d Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: ^e but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.

4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but ^f he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

7 ^f The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: *but* the wicked regardeth not to know *it*.

8 ^g Scornful men ^h bring a city into a snare: but wise *men* ^h turn away wrath.

9 *If* a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, ⁱ whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.

10 ^k The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

11 A ^l fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants *are* wicked.

13 The poor and ^m the deceitful man ^m meet together: ⁿ the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

14 ^o The king that ^p faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

15 ^q The rod and reproof give wisdom: but ^r a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: ^s but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 ^t Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 ^u Where *there is* no vision, the people ^v perish: but ^x he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty

^a in his words? ^y *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become *his* son at the length.

22 ^z An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

23 ^a A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: ^b he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth *it* not.

25 ^c The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD ^d shall be safe.

26 ^d Many seek ^e the ruler's favour; but *every* man's judgment *cometh* from the LORD.

27 An unjust man *is* an abomination to the just: and *he that is* upright in the way *is* abomination to the wicked.

CHAPTER XXX.

1 *Agur's confession of his faith.* 7 *The two points of his prayer.* 10 *The meanest are not to be wronged.* 11 *Four wicked generations.* 15 *Four things insatiable.* 17 *Parents are not to be despised.* 18 *Four things hard to be known.* 21 *Four things intolerable.* 24 *Four things exceeding wise.* 29 *Four things stately.* 32 *Wrath is to be prevented.*

THE words of Agur the son of Jakeh, *even* ^a the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, *even* unto Ithiel and Ucal,

2 ^b Surely I *am* more brutish than *any* man, and have not the understanding of a man.

3 I neither learned wisdom, nor ^c have the knowledge of the holy.

4 ^d Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? ^e who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou canst tell?

5 ^f Every word of God *is* ^g pure: ^h *he is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

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matters?
^j ch. 26. 12.^k ch. 15. 18. &
26. 21.^l Job 22. 29.
ch. 15. 33. &
18. 12.Isai. 66. 2.
Dan. 4. 30,
31, &c.Matt. 23. 12.
Luke 14. 11.
& 18. 14.Acts 12. 23.
Jam. 4. 6, 10.
1 Pet. 5. 5.^m Lev. 5. 1.
ⁿ Gen. 12. 12.
& 20. 2, 11.^o Heb. *shall be*
set on high.^p See Ps. 20. 9.
ch. 19. 6.
^q Heb. *the face*
of a ruler.^r ch. 31. 1.^s Ps. 73. 22.^t Heb. *know*.^u John 3. 13.^v Job 38. 4, &c.
Ps. 104. 3, &c.
Isai. 40. 12,
&c.^w Ps. 12. 6. &
18. 30. & 19. 8.
& 119. 140.^x Heb.
purified.
^y Ps. 18. 30.
& 64. 11. &
115. 9, 10, 11.

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⁸ Deut. 4. 2. &
12. 32.
Rev. 22. 18, 19.

⁹ Heb. *with-
hold not from
me.*

¹⁰ Matt. 6. 11.

¹¹ Heb. *of my
allowance.*

¹² Deut. 8. 12, 14,
17. & 31. 20.
& 32. 15.

Neh. 9. 25, 26.
Job 31. 24,
25, 28.

Hos. 13. 6.

¹³ Heb. *belie
thee.*

¹⁴ Heb. *Hurt
not with thy
tongue.*

¹⁵ Luke 18. 11.

¹⁶ Ps. 131. 1.
ch. 6. 17.

¹⁷ Job 29. 17.
Ps. 52. 2. &
57. 4.

ch. 12. 18.

¹⁸ Ps. 14. 4.
Amos 8. 4.

¹⁹ Heb. *Wealth.*

²⁰ ch. 27. 20.
Hab. 2. 5.

²¹ Gen. 9. 22.
Lev. 20. 9.
ch. 20. 20. &
23. 22.

²² Or, *the brook.*

²³ Heb. *heart.*

6 ⁸ Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

7 Two *things* have I required of thee; ² deny me *them* not before I die:

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; ¹⁰ feed me with food ³ convenient for me:

9 ¹ Lest I be full, and ⁴ deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.

10 ⁵ Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

11 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12 *There is* a generation ¹¹ *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness.

13 *There is* a generation, O how ¹ lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

14 ¹² *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, ² to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

15 The horseleach hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea*, four *things* say not, ⁶ *It is* enough:

16 ¹⁰ The grave; and the barren womb; the earth *that* is not filled with water; and the fire *that* saith not, *It is* enough.

17 ¹³ The eye *that* mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of ⁷ the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

18 There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, *yea*, four which I know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the ⁸ midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

20 *Such is* the way of an adulter-

ous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

21 For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear:

22 ⁹ For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

23 For an odious *woman* when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

24 There be four *things which* are little upon the earth, but they are ² exceeding wise:

25 ¹ The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

26 ¹⁴ The conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them ³ by bands;

28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

29 There be three *things* which go well, *yea*, four are comely in going:

30 A lion *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

31 A ⁴⁵ greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.

32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, ¹ lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

CHAPTER XXXI.

¹ *Lemuel's lesson of chastity and temperance.*

⁶ *The afflicted are to be comforted and defended.* ¹⁰ *The praise and properties of a good wife.*

THE words of king Lemuel, ¹ the prophecy that his mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, ¹ the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

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⁹ ch. 19. 10.
Eccles. 10. 7.

² Heb. *wise,
made wise.*
¹ ch. 6. 6, &c.

¹⁴ Ps. 104. 18.

³ Heb. *gather-
ed together.*

⁴ Or, *horse.*
⁵ Heb. *girt in
the loins.*

¹² Job 21. 5. &
40. 4.
Eccles. 8. 3.
Mic. 7. 16.

cir. 1015.

¹ ch. 30. 1.

¹ Isai. 49. 15.

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^c ch. 5. 9.
^d Deut. 17. 17.
^e Neh. 13. 26.
^f ch. 7. 26.
^g Hos. 4. 11.
^h Eccles. 10. 17.
ⁱ Hos. 4. 11.
^j Heb. *alter*.
^k Heb. *of all the sons of affliction*.
^l Ps. 104. 15.
^m Heb. *bitter of soul*,
1 Sam. 1. 10.

ⁿ See Job 29. 15, 16.
^o 1 Sam. 19. 4.
^p Esth. 4. 16.
^q Heb. *the sons of destruction*.
^r Lev. 19. 15.
^s Deut. 1. 16.
^t Job 29. 12.
^u Isai. 1. 17.
^v Jer. 22. 16.
^w ch. 12. 4.
^x & 18. 22. & 19. 14.

^y Rom. 12. 11.
^z Luke 12. 42.

^{aa} Heb. *taketh*.

8 ^c Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways ^d to that which destroyeth kings.

4 ^e *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

5 ^f Lest they drink, and forget the law, and ^g pervert the judgment ^h of any of the afflicted.

6 ⁱ Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be ^j of heavy hearts.

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8 ^k Open thy mouth for the dumb ^l in the cause of all ^m such as are appointed to destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, ⁿ judge righteously, and ^o plead the cause of the poor and needy.

10 ¶ ^p Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

15 ^q She riseth also while it is yet night, and ^r giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and ^s buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 ^t She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 ^u She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with ^v scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple.

23 ^w Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters ^x have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

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^y Heb. *She tasteth*.

^z Heb. *She spreadeth*.
^{aa} Eph. 4. 28.
^{ab} Hebr. 13. 16.

^{ac} Or, *double garments*.

^{ad} ch. 12. 4.

^{ae} Or, *have gotten riches*.

ECCLESIASTES;

OR,

THE PREACHER.

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CHAPTER I.

¹ *The preacher sheweth that all human courses are vain: ⁴ because the creatures are restless in their courses, ⁹ they bring forth nothing new, and all old things are forgotten, ¹² and because he hath found it so in the studies of wisdom.*

THE words ^a of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

² ^b Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; ^c all is vanity.

³ ^d What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

⁴ *One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: ^e but the earth abideth for ever.*

⁵ ^f The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and ² hasteth to his place where he arose.

⁶ ^g The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

⁷ ^h All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they ³ return again.

⁸ All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: ⁱ the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

⁹ ^k The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

¹⁰ Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it

hath been already of old time, which was before us.

¹¹ *There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.*

¹² ^l I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

¹³ And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: ^m this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man ² to be exercised therewith.

¹⁴ I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

¹⁵ ⁿ That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and ³ that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

¹⁶ I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten ^o more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart ⁴ had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

¹⁷ ^p And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

¹⁸ For ^q in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

CHAPTER II.

¹ *The vanity of human courses in the works of pleasure. ¹² Though the wise be better than the fool, yet both have one event. ¹⁸ The vanity of human labour, in leaving it they know not to whom. ²⁴ Nothing better than joy in our labour; but that is God's gift.*

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¹ ver. 1.

^m Gen. 3. 19.
ch. 3. 10.

² Or, to afflict them.

ⁿ ch. 7. 13.

³ Heb. defect.

^o 1 Kin. 3. 12,
13. & 4. 30.
& 10. 7, 23.
ch. 2. 9.

⁴ Heb. had seen much.

^p ch. 2. 3, 12.
& 7. 23, 25.
1 Thess. 5. 21.

^q ch. 12. 12.

^a ver. 12.
ch. 7. 27. &
12. 8, 9, 10.

^b Ps. 39. 5, 6.
& 62. 9. &
144. 4.
ch. 12. 8.

^c Rom. 8. 20.
^d ch. 2. 22. &
3. 9.

^e Ps. 104. 5. &
119. 90.

^f Ps. 19. 5, 6.
^g Heb. panteth.

^h John 3. 8.

ⁱ Job 38. 10.
Ps. 104. 8, 9.

^j Heb. return to go.

^k Prov. 27. 20.

^l ch. 3. 15.

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^a Luke 12. 19.

^b Isai. 50. 11.

^c Prov. 14. 13.
ch. 7. 6.

^d ch. 1. 17.

^e Heb. to draw
my flesh with
wine.

^f Heb. the
number of
the days of
their life.

^g Heb. sons of
my house.

^h 1 Kin. 9. 28.
& 10. 10, 14,
21, &c.

ⁱ Heb. musical
instrument
and instru-
ments.

^j ch. 1. 16.

^k ch. 3. 22. &
5. 18. & 9. 9.

^l ch. 1. 3, 14.

^m ch. 1. 17. &
7. 25.

^a I SAID in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, ^bthis also *is* vanity.

2 ^c I said of laughter, *It is* mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

3 ^d I sought in mine heart ^eto give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven ^fall the days of their life.

4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits:

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

7 I got *me* servants and maidens, and had ^gservants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

8 ^h I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, *as* ⁱmusical instruments, and that of all sorts.

9 So ^j I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and ^kthis was my portion of all my labour.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all *was* ^lvanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun.

12 ¶ And I turned myself to behold wisdom, ^mand madness, and folly: for what *can* the man *do* that

cometh after the king? ⁿ*even* that which hath been already done.

13 Then I saw ^othat wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

14 ^pThe wise man's eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that ^qone event happeneth to them all.

15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it ^rhappeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also *is* vanity.

16 For *there is* no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now *is* in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise *man*? as the fool.

17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun *is* grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

18 ¶ Yea, I hated all my labour which I had ^staken under the sun: because ^tI should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

19 And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This *is* also vanity.

20 Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.

21 For there is a man whose labour *is* in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he ^uleave it *for* his portion. This also *is* vanity and a great evil.

22 ^vFor what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun?

23 For all his days *are* ^wsorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

24 ¶ ^xThere *is* nothing better for a man, *than* that he should eat and

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^y Or, in those things which have been already done.

^z Heb. that there is an excellency in wisdom more than in folly, &c.

^{aa} Prov. 17. 24.
ch. 8. 1.

^{ab} Ps. 49. 10.
ch. 9. 2, 3, 11.

^{ac} Heb. happeneth to me, even to me.

^{ad} Heb. laboured.
^{ae} Ps. 49. 10.

^{af} Heb. give.

^{ag} ch. 1. 3. &
3. 9.

^{ah} Job 5. 7. &
14. 1.

^{ai} ch. 3. 12, 13,
22. & 5. 18. &
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^a Or, *delight his senses.*

^b Heb. *before him*,
Gen. 7. 1.
Luke 1. 6.

^c Job 27. 16, 17.
Prov. 28. 8.

^a ver. 17.
ch. 8. 6.

^a Heb. *to bear.*
^b Hebr. 9. 27.

^c Joel 2. 16.
1 Cor. 7. 5.
^b Heb. *to be far from.*
^a Or, *seek.*

^d Amos 5. 13.

^e Luko 14. 26.

^f ch. 1. 3.

^g ch. 1. 13.

drink, and *that* he ^ashould make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it *was* from the hand of God.

25 For who can eat, or who else can hasten *hereunto*, more than I?

26 For God giveth to a man that *is* good ³in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that ^ahe may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAPTER III.

1 *By the necessary change of times, vanity is added to human travail.* 11 *There is an excellency in God's works.* 16 *But as for man, God shall judge his works there, and here he shall be like a beast.*

TO every thing *there is* a season, and a ^atime to every purpose under the heaven:

2 A time ⁴to be born, and ^ba time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;

3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and ^aa time ⁵to refrain from embracing;

6 A time to ⁶get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; ^da time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 A time to love, and a time to ^ehate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

9 ^fWhat profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he labour-eth?

10 ^gI have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

11 He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath

set the world in their heart, so that ^hno man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

12 ⁱI know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoice, and to do good in his life.

13 And also ^kthat every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it *is* the gift of God.

14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: ¹nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him.

15 ^mThat which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath al- ready been; and God requireth ²that which is past.

16 ⁿAnd moreover ⁿI saw under the sun the place of judgment, *that* wickedness *was* there; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity *was* there.

17 I said in mine heart, ^oGod shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* ^pa time there for every purpose and for every work.

18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, ³that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

19 ^qFor that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all *is* vanity.

20 All go unto one place; ^rall are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 ^sWho knoweth the spirit ⁴of man that ⁵goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth down- ward to the earth?

22 ^tWherefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for ^uthat *is* his portion: ^xfor who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

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^b ch. 8. 17.
Rom. 11. 33.
¹ ver. 22.

^k ch. 2. 24.

¹ Jam. 1. 17.

^m ch. 1. 9.

² Heb. *that which is driven away.*
ⁿ ch. 5. 8.

^o Rom. 2. 6, 7, 8.
² Cor. 5. 10.
2 Thess. 1. 6, 7.
^p ver. 1.

³ Or, *that they might clear God, and see, &c.*

^q Ps. 49. 12, 20.
& 73. 22.
ch. 2. 16.

^r Gen. 3. 19.

^s ch. 12. 7.
⁴ Heb. *of the sons of man.*
⁵ Heb. *is ascending.*

^t ver. 12.
ch. 2. 24. &
5. 18. & 11. 9.

^u ch. 2. 10.

^x ch. 6. 12. &
8. 7. & 10. 14.

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CHAPTER IV.

1 *Vanity is increased unto men by oppression, 4 by envy, 5 by idleness, 7 by covetousness, 9 by solitariness, 13 by wilfulness.*

SO I returned, and considered all the ^aoppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the ²side of their oppressors *there was* power; but they had no comforter.

2 ^bWherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive.

3 ^cYea, better *is he* than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4 ¶ Again, I considered all travail, and ³every right work, that ⁴for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.

5 ^dThe fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.

6 ^eBetter *is* an handful *with* quietness, than both the hands full *with* travail and vexation of spirit.

7 ¶ Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.

8 There is one *alone*, and *there is* not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet *is there* no end of all his labour; neither is his ^feye satisfied with riches; ^gneither *saith he*, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This *is* also vanity, yea, it *is* a sore travail.

9 ¶ Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two ^hlie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone*?

12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 ¶ Better *is* a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, ⁱwho will no more be admonished.

14 For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also *he that is* born in his kingdom becometh poor.

15 I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead.

16 *There is* no end of all the people, *even* of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAPTER V.

1 *Vanities in divine service, 8 in murmuring against oppression, 9 and in riches. 18 Joy in riches is the gift of God.*

KEEP ^athy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, ^bthan to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* ²thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words ^cbe few.

3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and ^da fool's voice *is known* by multitude of words.

4 ^eWhen thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for *he hath* no pleasure in fools: ^fpay that which thou hast vowed.

5 ^gBetter *is it* that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; ^hneither say thou before the angel, that it *was* an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there are* also *divers* vanities: but ⁱfear thou God.

8 ¶ If thou ^kseest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not ³at the matter: for ¹*he that is* higher than the highest regardeth; and *there be* higher than they.

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^a See Ex. 3. 5.
Isai. 1. 12, &c.

^b 1 Sam. 15. 22.
Ps. 50. 8.
Prov. 15. 8. &
21. 27.
Hos. 6. 6.

^c Or, *word*.

^d Prov. 10. 19.
Matt. 6. 7.

^e Prov. 10. 19.

^f Num. 30. 2.
Deut. 23. 21,
22, 23.
Ps. 50. 14. &
76. 11.

^g Ps. 66. 13, 14.
^h Prov. 20. 25.
Acts 5. 4.

ⁱ 1 Cor. 11. 10.

¹ ch. 12. 13.

² ch. 3. 16.

³ Heb. *at the will, or, purpose.*

¹ Ps. 12. 5. &
58. 11. & 82. 1.

^a ch. 3. 16. &
5. 8.

^b Heb. *hand*.

^c Job 3. 17, &c.

^d Job 3. 11, 16,
21. ch. 6. 3.

^e Heb. *all the rightness of work.*

^f Heb. *this is the envy of a man from his neighbour.*

^g Prov. 6. 10. &
24. 33.

^h Prov. 15. 16,
17. & 16. 8.

ⁱ Prov. 27. 20.
1 John 2. 16.

^j Ps. 39. 6.

^k Heb. *who knoweth not to be admonished.*

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9 ¶ Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king *himself* is served by the field.

10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good *is there* to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of *them* with their eyes?

12 The sleep of a labouring man *is* sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

13 ^m There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

14 But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and *there is* nothing in his hand.

15 ⁿ As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

16 And this also *is* a sore evil, *that* in all points as he came, so shall he go: and ^o what profit hath he ^p that hath laboured for the wind?

17 All his days also ^q he eateth in darkness, and *he hath* much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

18 ¶ Behold *that* which I have seen: ^r *it is* good and comely *for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun ^s all the days of his life, which God giveth him: ^t for it *is* his portion.

19 ^u Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this *is* the gift of God.

20 ^v For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth *him* in the joy of his heart.

CHAPTER VI.

1 *The vanity of riches without use.* 3 *Of children, 6 and old age without riches.* 9 *The vanity of sight and wandering desires.* 11 *The conclusion of vanities.*

^a **T**HERE is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common among men:

2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, ^b so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, ^c yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease.

3 ¶ If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and ^d also *that* he have no burial; I say, *that* ^e an untimely birth *is* better than he.

4 For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

5 Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known *any thing*: this hath more rest than the other.

6 ¶ Yea, though he live a thousand years twice *told*, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?

7 ^f All the labour of man *is* for his mouth, and yet the ^g appetite is not filled.

8 For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?

9 ¶ Better *is* the sight of the eyes ^h than the wandering of the desire: this *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.

10 That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it *is* man: ⁱ neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.

11 ¶ Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what *is* man the better?

12 For who knoweth what *is* good for man in *this* life, ^j all the days of his vain life which he spendeth

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cir. 977.^a ch. 5. 13.^b Job 21. 10, &c.
Ps. 17. 14. &
73. 7.^c Luke 12. 20.^d 2 Kin. 9. 35.
Isai. 14. 19, 20.
Jer. 22. 19.^e Job 3. 16.
Ps. 58. 8.
ch. 4. 3.^f Prov. 16. 26.^g Heb. *soul*.^h Heb. *than the walking of the soul*.ⁱ Job 9. 32.
Isai. 45. 9.
Jer. 49. 19.^j Heb. *the number of the days of the life of his vanity*.^m ch. 6. 1.ⁿ Job 1. 21.
Ps. 49. 17.
1 Tim. 6. 7.^o ch. 1. 3.^p Prov. 11. 29.^q Ps. 127. 2.^r ch. 2. 24. &
3. 12, 13, 22. &
9. 7. & 11. 9.
1 Tim. 6. 17.^s Heb. *there is a good which is comely, &c.*^t Heb. *the number of the days*.^u ch. 2. 10. &
3. 22.^v ch. 2. 24. &
3. 13. & 6. 2.^w Or, *Though he give not much, yet he remembereth, &c.*

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^b Ps. 102. 11.
& 109. 23. &
144. 4.
Jam. 4. 14.
¹ Ps. 39. 6.
ch. 8. 7.

^a Prov. 15. 30.
& 22. 1.

^a Or, *Anger*.

^b 2 Cor. 7. 10.

^b See Ps. 141. 5.
Prov. 13. 18.
& 15. 31, 32.

^d Ps. 118. 12.
ch. 2. 2.

³ Heb. *sound*.

^e Ex. 23. 8.
Deut. 16. 19.

^f Prov. 14. 29.

^g Prov. 14. 17.
& 16. 32.
Jam. 1. 19.

⁴ Heb. *out of wisdom*.

⁵ Or, *as good as an inheritance, yea, better too*.

^h ch. 11. 7.

⁶ Heb. *shadow*.

¹ See Job 12. 14.
ch. 1. 15.
Isai. 14. 27.
² ch. 3. 4.
Deut. 28. 47.

as ^h a shadow? for ⁱ who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

CHAPTER VII.

¹ Remedies against vanity are, a good name, ² mortification, ⁷ patience, ¹¹ wisdom. ²³ The difficulty of wisdom.

A ^a GOOD name *is* better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

² ¶ *It is* better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that *is* the end of all men; and the living will lay *it* to his heart.

³ ² Sorrow *is* better than laughter: ^b for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

⁴ The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth.

⁵ ^o *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

⁶ ^d For as the ³ crackling of thorns under a pot, so *is* the laughter of the fool: this also *is* vanity.

⁷ ¶ Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; ^e and a gift destroyeth the heart.

⁸ Better *is* the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: *and* ^f the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.

⁹ ^g Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

¹⁰ Say not thou, What is *the cause* that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire ⁴ wisely concerning this.

¹¹ ¶ Wisdom *is* ⁵ good with an inheritance: and *by it there is* profit ^h to them that see the sun.

¹² For wisdom *is* a ⁶ defence, *and* money *is* a defence: but the excellency of knowledge *is*, *that* wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

¹³ Consider the work of God: for ⁱ who can make *that* straight, which he hath made crooked?

¹⁴ ^k In the day of prosperity be

joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath ² set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

¹⁵ All *things* have I seen in the days of my vanity: ¹ there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that longeth *his life* in his wickedness.

¹⁶ ^m Be not righteous over much; ⁿ neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou ³ destroy thyself?

¹⁷ Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: ^o why shouldest thou die ⁴ before thy time?

¹⁸ *It is* good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

¹⁹ ^p Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

²⁰ ^q For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

²¹ Also ⁵ take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee:

²² For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

²³ ¶ All this have I proved by wisdom: ^r I said, I will be wise; but it *was* far from me.

²⁴ ^s That which is far off, and ^t exceeding deep, who can find it out?

²⁵ ^u I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason *of things*, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness *and* madness:

²⁶ ^x And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart *is* snares and nets, *and* her hands *as* bands: ⁷ whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

²⁷ Behold, this have I found, saith ^v the preacher, ⁸ counting one by one, to find out the account:

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^a Heb. *made*.

¹ ch. 8. 14.

^m Prov. 25. 16.

ⁿ Rom. 12. 3.

³ Heb. *be desolate?*

^o Job 15. 32.
Ps. 55. 23.
Prov. 10. 27.

⁴ Heb. *not in thy time?*

^p Prov. 21. 22.
& 24. 5.
ch. 9. 16, 18.

^q 1 Kin. 8. 46.
2 Chron. 6. 36.
Prov. 20. 9.
Rom. 3. 23.
1 John 1. 8.

⁵ Heb. *give not thine heart*.

^r Rom. 1. 22.

^s Job 28. 12, 20.
1 Tim. 6. 16.

^t Rom. 11. 33.

⁶ Heb. *I and my heart compassed*.

^u ch. 1. 17. & 2. 12.

^x Prov. 5. 3, 4.
& 22. 14.

⁷ Heb. *he that is good before God*.

^v ch. 1. 1, 2.

⁸ Or, *weighing one thing after another, to find out the reason*.

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^a Job 33. 23.
Ps. 12. 1.

^a Gen. 1. 27.

^b Gen. 3. 6, 7.

^a Prov. 4. 8, 9.
& 17. 24.
See Acts 6. 15.

^a Heb. *the strength.*
^b Deut. 28. 50.

^c 1 Chron. 29.
24.
Ezek. 17. 18.
Rom. 13. 5.
^d ch. 10. 4.

^e Job 34. 18.

^a Heb. *shall know.*

^f ch. 3. 1.

^g Prov. 24. 22.
ch. 6. 12. &
9. 12. & 10. 14.

^a Or, *how it shall be?*

^b Ps. 49. 6, 7.
^c Job 14. 5.

^d Or, *casting off weapons.*

28 Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: ^aone man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

29 Lo, this only have I found, ^athat God hath made man upright; but ^bthey have sought out many inventions.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 *Kings are greatly to be respected.* 6 *The divine providence is to be observed.* 12 *It is better with the godly in adversity, than with the wicked in prosperity.* 16 *The work of God is unsearchable.*

WHO is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? ^aa man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and ^{2b}the boldness of his face shall be changed.

2 I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, ^cand *that* in regard of the oath of God.

3 ^dBe not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

4 Where the word of a king is, *there is power*: and ^ewho may say unto him, What doest thou?

5 Whoso keepeth the commandment ³shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

6 ¶ Because ^fto every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him.

7 ^gFor he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him ⁴when it shall be?

8 ^h*There is* no man that hath power ⁱover the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no ⁵discharge in *that* war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: *there is* a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.

10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: *this is* also vanity.

11 ^kBecause sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

12 ¶ ^lThough a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his *days* be prolonged, yet surely I know that ^mit shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong *his* days, *which are* as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just *men*, unto whom it ⁿhappeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked *men*, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also *is* vanity.

15 ^oThen I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

16 ¶ When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also *there is that* neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:)

17 Then I beheld all the work of God, that ^pa man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find *it*; yea farther; though a wise *man* think to know *it*, ^qyet shall he not be able to find *it*.

CHAPTER IX.

1 *Like things happen to good and bad.* 4 *There is a necessity of death unto men.* 7 *Comfort is all their portion in this life.* 11 *God's providence ruleth over all.* 13 *Wisdom is better than strength.*

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CHRIST
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^k Ps. 10. 6. &
50. 21.
Isai. 26. 10.

^l Isai. 65. 20.
Rom. 2. 5.

^m Ps. 37. 11,
18, 19.
Prov. 1. 32, 33.
Isai. 3. 10, 11.
Matt. 25. 34,
41.

ⁿ Ps. 73. 14.
ch. 2. 14.
& 7. 15. &
9. 1, 2, 3.

^o ch. 2. 24. &
3. 12, 22. &
5. 18. & 9. 7.

^p Job 5. 9.
ch. 3. 11.
Rom. 11. 33.

^q Ps. 73. 16.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 977.

^a Heb. *I gave, or, set to my heart.*

^e ch. 8. 14.

^b Job 21. 7, &c.
Ps. 73. 3, 12,
13. Mal. 3. 15.

^c Job 14. 21.
Isai. 63. 16.

^d Job 7. 8, 9, 10.
Isai. 26. 14.

^e ch. 8. 15.

^f Heb. *See, or, Enjoy life.*

^g ch. 2. 10, 24.
& 3. 13, 22.
& 5. 18.

FOR all this ² I considered in my heart even to declare all this, ^a that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, *are* in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred *by* all *that is* before them.

² ^b All *things* come alike to all: *there is* one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as *is* the good, so *is* the sinner; *and* he that swear-eth, as *he* that feareth an oath.

³ This *is* an evil among all *things* that are done under the sun, that *there is* one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness *is* in their heart while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.

⁴ ¶ For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

⁵ For the living know that they shall die: but ^e the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for ^d the memory of them is forgotten.

⁶ Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the sun.

⁷ ¶ Go thy way, ^e eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.

⁸ Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

⁹ ³ Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: ^f for that *is* thy portion in *this* life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

¹⁰ Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor

knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

¹¹ ¶ I returned, ^g and saw under the sun, that the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

¹² For ^h man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so *are* the sons of men ⁱ snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

¹³ ¶ This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it *seemed* great unto me:

¹⁴ ^k *There was* a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:

¹⁵ Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

¹⁶ ^l Then said I, Wisdom *is* better than strength: nevertheless ^m the poor man's wisdom *is* despised, and his words are not heard.

¹⁷ The words of wise *men are* heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

¹⁸ ⁿ Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war: but ^e one sinner destroyeth much good.

CHAPTER X.

¹ *Observations of wisdom and folly: 16 of riot, 18 slothfulness, 19 and money. 20 Men's thoughts of kings ought to be reverent.*

DEAD ² flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: *so doth* a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom *and* honour.

² A wise man's heart *is* at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.

³ Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, ³ his wisdom

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^g Amos 2. 14,
15. Jer. 9. 23.

^h ch. 8. 7.

ⁱ Prov. 29. 6.
Luke 12. 20,
39. & 17. 26,
&c.
^l Thoss. 5. 3.

^k See 2 Sam.
20. 16,—22.

^l Prov. 21. 22.
& 24. 5.
ch. 7. 19.
ver. 18.
^m Mark 6. 2, 3.

ⁿ ver. 16.

^e Josh. 7. 1, 11,
12.

² Heb. *Flies of death.*

³ Heb. *his heart.*

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CHRIST
cir. 977.

^a Prov. 13. 16.
& 18. 2.
^b ch. 8. 3.
^c 1 Sam. 25. 24.
&c.
Prov. 25. 15.

^a Heb. *from before*.
^d Esth. 3. 1.
^e Heb. *in great heights*.
^e Prov. 19. 10.
& 30. 22.

^f Ps. 7. 15.
Prov. 26. 27.

^e Ps. 58. 4, 5.
Jer. 8. 17.

^a Heb. *the master of the tongue*.

^b Prov. 10. 32.
& 12. 13.

^e Heb. *grace*.
ⁱ Prov. 10. 14.
& 18. 7.

^e Heb. *his mouth*.

^k Prov. 15. 2.
⁷ Heb. *multiplieth words*.
¹ ch. 3. 22. &
6. 12. & 8. 7.

^m Isai. 3. 4, 5,
12. & 5. 11.

ⁿ Prov. 31. 4.

faileth *him*, ^a and he saith to every one *that he is a fool*.

4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, ^b leave not thy place; for ^c yielding pacifieth great offences.

5 There is an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as an error *which* proceedeth ² from the ruler:

6 ^d Folly is set ³ in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

7 I have seen servants ^e upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

8 ^f He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

9 Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; *and* he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.

10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom *is* profitable to direct.

11 Surely the serpent will bite ^g without enchantment; and ⁴ a babler is no better.

12 ^h The words of a wise man's mouth *are* ⁵ gracious; but ⁱ the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness: and the end of ⁶ his talk *is* mischievous madness.

14 ^k A fool also ⁷ is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and ¹ what shall be after him, who can tell him?

15 The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

16 ¶ ^m Woe to thee, O land, when thy king *is* a child, and thy princes eat in the morning!

17 Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the son of nobles, and ⁿ thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

18 ¶ By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

19 ¶ A feast is made for laughter, and ^o wine ² maketh merry: but money answereth all *things*.

20 ¶ ^p Curse not the king, no not in thy ³ thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

CHAPTER XI.

¹ Directions for charity. ⁷ Death in life, ⁹ and the day of judgment in the days of youth, are to be thought on.

CAST thy bread ^a ⁴ upon the waters: ^b for thou shalt find it after many days.

2 ^c Give a portion ^d to seven, and also to eight; ^e for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty *themselves* upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.

4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

5 As ^f thou knowest not what *is* the way of the spirit, ^g *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether ⁵ shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both *shall be* alike good.

7 ¶ Truly the light *is* sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes ^h to behold the sun:

8 But if a man live many years, *and* rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh *is* vanity.

9 ¶ Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, ⁱ and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know

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^a Ps. 104. 15.
^a Heb. *maketh glad the life*.
^f Ex. 22. 28.
Acts 23. 5.
^a Or, *conscience*, figure like, Luke 19. 40.

^a See Isai. 32. 20.

^a Heb. *upon the face of the waters*.

^b Deut. 15. 10.
Prov. 19. 17.
Matt. 10. 42.
2 Cor. 9. 8.
Gal. 6. 9, 10.
Hebr. 6. 10.

^c Ps. 112. 9.
Luke 6. 30.
1 Tim. 6. 18, 19.

^d Mic. 5. 5.
^e Eph. 5. 16.

^f John 3. 8.

^g Ps. 139. 14, 15.

^h Heb. *shall be right*.

^h ch. 7. 11.

ⁱ Num. 15. 39.

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^k ch. 12. 14.
Rom. 2. 6,—
11.
^a Or, *anger*.
^l 2 Cor. 7. 1.
² Tim. 2. 22.
^m Ps. 39. 5.

^a Prov. 22. 6.
Lam. 3. 27.

^b See 2 Sam.
19. 35.

^a Or, *the
grinders fail,
because they
grind little.*

^c 2 Sam. 19. 35.

thou, that for all these *things* ^k God will bring thee into judgment.

10 Therefore remove ²sorrow from thy heart, and ¹put away evil from thy flesh: ^mfor childhood and youth *are* vanity.

CHAPTER XII.

1 *The Creator is to be remembered in due time.*

8 *The preacher's care to edify.* 13 *The fear of God is the chief antidote of vanity.*

REMEMBER ^anow thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, ^bwhen thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and ³the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all ^cthe daughters of musick shall be brought low;

5 Also *when* they shall be afraid of *that which is* high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and

desire shall fail: because man goeth to ^dhis long home, and ^ethe mourners go about the streets:

6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

7 ^fThen shall the dust return to the earth as it was: ^gand the spirit shall return unto God ^hwho gave it.

8 ¶ ⁱVanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all *is* vanity.

9 And ²moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and ^kset in order many proverbs.

10 The preacher sought to find out ³acceptable words: and *that which was* written *was* upright, *even* words of truth.

11 The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd.

12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is* no end; and ¹much ⁴study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

13 ¶ ⁵Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: ^mFear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

14 For ⁿGod shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

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^d Job 17. 13.
^e Jer. 9. 17.

^f Gen. 3. 19.
Job 34. 15.
Ps. 90. 3.

^g ch. 3. 21.
^h Num. 16. 22.
& 27. 16.
Job 34. 14.
Isai. 57. 16.
Zech. 12. 1.

ⁱ Ps. 62. 9.
ch. 1. 2.
^a Or, *the more
wise the
preacher
was, &c.*

^k 1 Kin. 4. 32.

^a Heb. *words
of delight.*

¹ ch. 1. 18.

⁴ Or, *reading.*

⁵ Or, *The end
of the matter,
even all that
hath been
heard, is.*

^m Deut. 6. 2. &
10. 12.

ⁿ ch. 11. 9.
Matt. 12. 36.
Acts 17. 30,
31.
Rom. 2. 16. &
14. 10, 12.
1 Cor. 4. 5.
2 Cor. 5. 10.

THE SONG OF SOLOMON.

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CHAPTER I.

¹ *The church's love unto Christ.* ⁵ *She confesseth her deformity,* ⁷ *and prayeth to be directed to his flock.* ⁸ *Christ directeth her to the shepherds' tents:* ⁹ *and shewing his love to her,* ¹¹ *giveth her gracious promises.* ¹² *The church and Christ congratulate one another.*

THE ^a song of songs, which is Solomon's.

² Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: ^b for ² thy love *is* better than wine.

³ Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name *is as* ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

⁴ ^c Draw me, ^d we will run after thee: the king ^e hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: ³ the upright love thee.

⁵ I *am* black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

⁶ Look not upon me, because I *am* black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; *but* mine own vineyard have I not kept.

⁷ Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest *thy flock* to rest at noon: for why should I be ⁴ as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

⁸ ¶ If thou know not, ^f O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

⁹ I have compared thee, ^g O my love, ^h to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.

¹⁰ ⁱ Thy cheeks are comely with rows of *jewels*, thy neck with chains of *gold*.

¹¹ We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

¹² ¶ While the king *sitteth* at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

¹³ A bundle of myrrh *is* my well-beloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

¹⁴ My beloved *is* unto me *as* a cluster of ² camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi.

¹⁵ ^k Behold, thou *art* fair, ³ my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes.

¹⁶ Behold, thou *art* fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed *is* green.

¹⁷ The beams of our house *are* cedar, *and* our ⁴ rafters of fir.

CHAPTER II.

¹ *The mutual love of Christ and his church.* ⁸ *The hope,* ¹⁰ *and calling of the church.* ¹⁴ *Christ's care of the church.* ¹⁶ *The profession of the church, her faith and hope.*

I *AM* the rose of Sharon, *and* the lily of the valleys.

² As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters.

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cir. 1014.

^f ch. 5. 9.
& 6. 1.

^g ch. 2. 2, 10,
13. & 4. 1, 7.
& 5. 2. & 6. 4.
John 15. 14,
15.

^h 2 Chron. 1. 16,
17.

ⁱ Ezek. 16. 11,
12, 13.

² Or, *cypress*,
ch. 4. 13.

^k ch. 4. 1. &
5. 12.

³ Or, *my*
companion.

⁴ Or, *galleries*.

^a 1 Kin. 4. 32.

^b ch. 4. 10.

^c Heb. *thy*
loves.

^c Hos. 11. 4.
John 6. 44. &
12. 32.

^d Phil. 3. 12,
13, 14.

^e Ps. 45. 14, 15.
John 14. 2.
Eph. 2. 6.

³ Or, *they*
love thee up-
rightly.

⁴ Or, *as one*
that is veiled.

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CHRIST
cir. 1014.

^a Heb. *I delighted and sat down, &c.*

^a Rev. 22. 1, 2.

^a Heb. *palate.*

^a Heb. *house of wine.*

^a Heb. *straw me with apples.*

^b ch. 8. 3.

^a Heb. *I adjure you.*

^a ch. 3. 5. & 8. 4.

^d ver. 17.

⁷ Heb. *flourishing.*

^a ver. 13.

^f ver. 10.

^g ch. 8. 13.

^h Ps. 80. 13.
Ezek. 13. 4.
Luke 13. 32.

ⁱ ch. 6. 3. & 7. 10.

3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the sons. ² I sat down under his shadow with great delight, ^a and his fruit *was* sweet to my ³ taste.

4 He brought me to the ⁴ banquetting house, and his banner over me *was* love.

5 Stay me with flagons, ⁵ comfort me with apples: for I *am* sick of love.

6 ^b His left hand *is* under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.

7 ⁶ I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

8 ¶ The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

9 ^d My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, ⁷ shewing himself through the lattice.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, ^e Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over *and* gone;

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing *of birds* is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. ^f Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

14 ¶ O my dove, *that art* in the clefts of the rock, in the secret *places* of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, ^g let me hear thy voice; for sweet *is* thy voice, and thy countenance *is* comely.

15 Take us ^h the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes.

16 ¶ ⁱ My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his: he feedeth among the lilies.

17 ^k Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou ^l like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains ² of Bethel.

CHAPTER III.

1 *The church's fight and victory in temptation.*

6 *The church glorieth in Christ.*

BY ^a night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

3 ^b The watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I said*, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

4 *It was* but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

5 ^c I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

6 ¶ ^d Who *is* this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?

7 Behold his bed, which *is* Solomon's; threescore valiant men *are* about it, of the valiant of Israel.

8 They all hold swords, *being* expert in war: every man *hath* his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.

9 King Solomon made himself ³ a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

10 He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved *with* love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.

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cir. 1014.

^k ch. 4. 6.

^l ver. 9.

ch. 8. 14.

² Or, of division.

^a Isai. 26. 9.

^b ch. 5. 7.

^c ch. 2. 7. & 8. 4.

^d ch. 8. 5.

³ Or, a bed.

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CHRIST
cir. 1014.

11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

CHAPTER IV.

1 Christ setteth forth the graces of the church.
8 He sheweth his love to her. 16 The church prayeth to be made fit for his presence.

BEHOLD, ^athou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a ^bflock of goats, ²that appear from mount Gilead.

2 ^cThy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them.

3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: ^dthy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

4 ^eThy neck is like the tower of David builded ^ffor an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

5 ^gThy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

6 ^hUntil the day ³break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

7 ⁱThou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.

8 ¶ Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Amanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir ^kand Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

9 Thou hast ⁴ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

10 How fair is thy love, my sis-

ter, my spouse! ¹how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!

11 Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: ^mhoney and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is ⁿlike the smell of Lebanon.

12 A garden ²inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

13 Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; ³camphire, with spikenard,

14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

15 A fountain of gardens, a well of ^oliving waters, and streams from Lebanon.

16 ¶ Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. ^pLet my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

CHAPTER V.

1 Christ awaketh the church with his calling.
2 The church having a taste of Christ's love is sick of love. 9 A description of Christ by his graces.

I ^aAM come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; ^bI have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O ^cfriends; drink, ⁴yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

2 ¶ I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved ^dthat knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1014.

¹ ch. 1. 2.

^m Prov. 24. 13,
14. ch. 5. 1.

ⁿ Gen. 27. 27.
Hos. 14. 6, 7.

² Hob. barred.

³ Or, cypress,
ch. 1. 14.

^o John 4. 10.
& 7. 38.

^p ch. 5. 1.

^a ch. 4. 16.

^b ch. 4. 11.

^c Luke 15. 7, 10.
John 3. 29.
& 15. 14.

⁴ Or, and be
drunken with
loves.

^d Rev. 3. 20.

^a ch. 1. 15.
& 5. 12.

^b ch. 6. 5.

² Or, that eat
of, &c.

^c ch. 6. 6.

^d ch. 6. 7.

^e ch. 7. 4.

^f Neh. 3. 19.

^g See Prov. 5. 19.
ch. 7. 3.

^h ch. 2. 17.

³ Heb. breathe.

ⁱ Eph. 5. 27.

^k Deut. 3. 9.

⁴ Or, taken
away my
heart.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1014.^a Or, (as some
read) in me.^b Heb. *passing,*
or, *running*
about.^c ch. 3. 1.^d ch. 3. 3.^e Heb. *what.*^f ch. 1. 8.^g Heb. *a stand-*
ardbearer.^h Or, *curled.*ⁱ ch. 1. 15.
& 4. 1.^j Heb. *sitting*
in fulness,
that is, *fitly*
placed, and
set as a pre-
cious stone in
the foil of a
ring.^k Or, *towers of*
perfumes.^l Heb. *His*
palate.

4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole *of the door*, and my bowels were moved ^a for him.

5 I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped *with myrrh*, and my fingers *with* ^b sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, *and* was gone: my soul failed when he spake: ^c I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7 ^d The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.

8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, ^e that ye tell him, that I *am* sick of love.

9 ^f What *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, ^g O thou fairest among women? what *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, that thou dost so charge us?

10 My beloved *is* white and ruddy, ^h the chiefest among ten thousand.

11 His head *is as* the most fine gold, his locks *are* ⁱ bushy, *and* black as a raven.

12 ^j His eyes *are as the eyes* of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, *and* ^k fitly set.

13 His cheeks *are as* a bed of spices, *as* ^l sweet flowers: his lips *like* lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

14 His hands *are as* gold rings set with the beryl: his belly *is as* bright ivory overlaid *with* sapphires.

15 His legs *are as* pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance *is as* Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

16 ^l His mouth *is* most sweet: yea, he *is* altogether lovely. This *is* my beloved, and this *is* my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

CHAPTER VI.

1 *The church professeth her faith in Christ.*

4 *Christ sheweth the graces of the church,*
10 *and his love towards her.*

WHITHER is thy beloved gone, ^a O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee.

2 My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

3 ^b I *am* my beloved's, and my beloved *is* mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

4 ^c Thou *art* beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, ^d terrible as *an army* with banners.

5 Turn away thine eyes from me, for ^e they have overcome me: thy hair *is* ^f as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead.

6 ^g Thy teeth *are as* a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and *there is* not one barren among them.

7 ^h As a piece of a pomegranate *are* thy temples within thy locks.

8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.

9 My dove, my undefiled *is but* one; she *is* the *only* one of her mother, she *is* the choice *one* of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

10 ⁱ Who *is* she *that* looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, ^j and terrible as *an army* with banners?

11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, *and* ^k to see whether the vine flourished, *and* the pomegranates budded.

12 ^l Or ever I was aware, my soul ^m made me *like* the chariots of Ammi-nadib.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1014.^a ch. 1. 8.^b ch. 2. 16.
& 7. 10.^c ver. 10.^d Or, *they have*
puffed me up.
^e ch. 4. 1.^f ch. 4. 2.^g ch. 4. 3.^h ver. 4.ⁱ ch. 7. 12.^j Heb. *I know*
not.^k Or, *set me on*
the chariots
of my willing
people.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 1014.

^a Or, of Mahanaim,
Gen. 32. 2.

^a Ps. 45. 13.

^a Heb. mixture.

^b ch. 4. 5.

^c ch. 4. 4.

⁴ Or, crimson.

⁵ Heb. bound.

⁶ Heb. straightly.
⁷ Or, of the ancient.

^d ch. 2. 16.
& 6. 3.
^e Ps. 45. 11.

^f ch. 6. 11.

18 Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company ² of two armies.

CHAPTER VII.

1 *A further description of the church's graces.*
10 *The church professeth her faith and desire.*

HOW beautiful are thy feet with shoes, ^a O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs *are* like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

² Thy navel *is like* a round goblet, *which* wanteth not ³ liquor: thy belly *is like* an heap of wheat set about with lilies.

³ ^b Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes *that are* twins.

⁴ ^c Thy neck *is* as a tower of ivory; thine eyes *like* the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose *is* as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.

⁵ Thine head upon thee *is* like ⁴ Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king *is* ⁵ held in the galleries.

⁶ How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!

⁷ This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes.

⁸ I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples;

⁹ And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth *down* ⁶ sweetly, causing the lips ⁷ of those that are asleep to speak.

¹⁰ ¶ ^d I *am* my beloved's, and ^e his desire *is* toward me.

¹¹ Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

¹² Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us ^f see if the vine

flourish, *whether* the tender grape ² appear, *and* the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

¹³ The ^a mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates ^b *are* all manner of pleasant *fruits*, new and old, *which* I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 *The love of the church to Christ.* 6 *The vehemency of love.* 8 *The calling of the Gentiles.* 14 *The church prayeth for Christ's coming.*

O THAT thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! *when* I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, ³ I should not be despised.

² I would lead thee, *and* bring thee into my mother's house, *who* would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of ^a spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

³ ^b His left hand *should be* under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.

⁴ ^c I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, ⁴ that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, until he please.

⁵ ^d Who *is* this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth *that* bare thee.

⁶ ¶ ^e Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love *is* strong as death; jealousy *is* ⁵ cruel as the grave: the coals thereof *are* coals of fire, *which* hath a most vehement flame.

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: ^f if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

⁸ ¶ ^g We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?

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cir. 1014.

^a Heb. open.

^b Gen. 30. 14.

^c Matt. 13. 52.

³ Heb. they should not despise me.

^a Prov. 9. 2.

^b ch. 2. 6.

^c ch. 2. 7. & 3. 5.

⁴ Heb. why should ye stir up, or, why, &c.

^d ch. 3. 6.

^e Isai. 49. 16.
Jer. 22. 24.
Hag. 2. 23.

⁵ Heb. hard.

^f Prov. 6. 35.

^g Ezek. 23. 33.

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^a Heb. *peace*.

^b Matt. 21. 33.

9 If she *be* a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver : and if she *be* a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.

10 I *am* a wall, and my breasts like towers : then was I in his eyes as one that found ² favour.

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon ; ^b he let out the vineyard unto keepers ; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand *pieces* of silver.

12 My vineyard, which *is* mine, *is* before me : thou, O Solomon, *must have* a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

18 Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice : ⁱ cause me to hear *it*.

14 ¶ ^k ² Make haste, my beloved, and ¹ be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.

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¹ ch. 2. 14.

^k See Rev. 22. 17, 20.

^a Heb. *Flee away*.

¹ ch. 2. 17.

THE BOOK

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CHAPTER I.

¹ *Isaiah complaineth of Judah for her rebellion.*
⁵ *He lamenteth her judgments.* ¹⁰ *He upbraideth their whole service.* ¹⁶ *He exhorteth to repentance, with promises and threatenings.*
²¹ *Bewailing their wickedness, he denounceth God's judgments.* ²⁵ *He promiseth grace,* ²⁸ *and threateneth destruction to the wicked.*

THE ^a vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

² ^b Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, ^c I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

³ ^d The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel ^e doth not know, my people ^f doth not consider.

⁴ Ah sinful nation, a people ^g laden with iniquity, ^h a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are ⁱ gone away backward.

⁵ ¶ ^j Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will ^k revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

⁶ From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: ^l they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ^m ointment.

⁷ ⁿ Your country *is* desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your

presence, and *it is* desolate, ^o as overthrown by strangers.

⁸ And the daughter of Zion is left ^p as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, ^q as a besieged city.

⁹ ^r Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as ^s Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

¹⁰ ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers ^t of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

¹¹ To what purpose *is* the multitude of your ^u sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of ^v he goats.

¹² When ye come ^w to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

¹³ Bring no more ^x vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, ^y the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* ^z iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

¹⁴ Your ^{aa} new moons and your ^{ab} appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; ^{ac} I am weary to bear *them*.

¹⁵ And ^{ad} when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: ^{ae} yea, when ye ^{af} make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of ^{ag} blood.

¹⁶ ¶ ^{ah} Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings

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^{ba} Heb. *as the overthrow of strangers.*

^{bb} Job 27. 18.

Lam. 2. 6.

^{bc} Jer. 4. 17.

^{bd} Lam. 3. 22.

Rom. 9. 29.

^{be} Gen. 19. 24.

^{bf} Deut. 32. 32.
Ezek. 16. 46.

^{bg} 1 Sam. 15. 22.

Ps. 50. 8, 9.

& 51. 16.

Prov. 15. 8.

& 21. 27.

ch. 66. 3.

Jer. 6. 20.

& 7. 21.

Amos 5. 21, 22.

Mic. 6. 7.

^{bh} Heb. *great he goats.*

^{bi} Heb. *to be seen.*

^{bj} Ex. 23. 17.

& 34. 23.

^{bk} Matt. 15. 9.

^{bl} Joel 1. 14.

& 2. 15.

^{bm} Or, *grief.*

^{bn} Num. 28. 11.

^{bo} Lev. 23. 2, &c.

Lam. 2. 6.

^{bp} ch. 43. 24.

^{bq} Job 27. 9.

Ps. 134. 2.

Prov. 1. 28.

ch. 59. 2.

Jer. 14. 12.

Mic. 3. 4.

^{br} Ps. 66. 18.

1 Tim. 2. 8.

^{bs} Heb. *multiply prayer.*

^{bt} ch. 59. 3.

^{bu} Heb. *bloods.*

^{bv} Jer. 4. 14.

^a Num. 12. 6.

^b Deut. 32. 1.
Jer. 2. 12.
& 6. 19. &
22. 29.

Ezek. 36. 4.
Mic. 1. 2. &
6. 1, 2.

^c ch. 5. 1, 2.

^d Jer. 8. 7.

^e Jer. 9. 3, 6.

^f ch. 5. 12.

^g Heb. *of heaviness.*

^h ch. 57. 3, 4.
Matt. 3. 7.

ⁱ Heb. *alienated, or, separated,*
Ps. 58. 3.

^j ch. 9. 13.

Jer. 2. 30.

& 5. 3.

^k Heb. *increase revolt.*

^l Jer. 8. 22.

^m Or, *oil.*

ⁿ Deut. 28. 51,
52.

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^d Ps. 34. 14.
& 37. 27.
Amos 5. 15.
Rom. 12. 9.
1 Pet. 3. 11.
^e Jer. 22. 3, 16.
Mic. 6. 8.
Zech. 7. 9.
& 8. 16.
^f Or, *righten*.
^g ch. 43. 26.
Mic. 6. 2.
^h Ps. 51. 7.
Rev. 7. 14.

^b Num. 23. 19.
Tit. 1. 2.

ⁱ Jer. 2. 20, 21.

^k Jer. 6. 28, 30.
Ezek. 22. 18,
19.

^l Hos. 9. 15.

^m Prov. 29. 24.
ⁿ Jer. 22. 17.
Ezek. 22. 12.
Hos. 4. 18.
Mic. 3. 11.
& 7. 3.

^o Jer. 5. 28.
Zech. 7. 10.

^p Deut. 28. 63.
Ezek. 5. 13.

^q Heb. *accord-
ing to pure-
ness*.

^r Jer. 6. 29.
& 9. 7.
Mal. 3. 3.
^s Jer. 33. 7.

^t Zech. 8. 3.

^u Or, *they that
return of her*.

^v Job 31. 3.
Ps. 1. 6. &
5. 6. & 73. 27.
& 92. 9. &
104. 35.

^w Heb. *break-
ing*.

^x ch. 57. 5.

^y ch. 65. 3.
& 66. 17.

from before mine eyes; ^dcease to do evil;

17 Learn to do well; ^eseek judgment, ^frelieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and ^glet us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, ^hthey shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: ^bfor the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

21 ¶ ⁱHow is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

22 ^kThy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

23 ^lThy princes *are* rebellious, and ^mcompanions of thieves: ⁿevery one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they ^ojudge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, ^pI will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

25 ¶ And I will turn my hand upon thee, and ^qpurely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:

26 And I will restore thy judges ^ras at the first, and thy counsellors ^sas at the beginning: afterward ^tthou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and ^uher converts with righteousness.

28 ¶ And the ^vdestruction of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of ^wthe oaks which ye have desired, ^xand ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

31 ^yAnd the strong shall be ^zas tow, ^aand the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench *them*.

CHAPTER II.

¹ *Isaiah prophesieth the coming of Christ's kingdom. 6 Wickedness is the cause of God's forsaking. 10 He exhorteth to fear, because of the powerful effects of God's majesty.*

THE word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And ^bit shall come to pass ^cin the last days, ^dthat the mountain of the LORD's house shall be ^eestablished in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; ^fand all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, ^gCome ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: ^hfor out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and ⁱthey shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into ^jpruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, ^kneither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us ^lwalk in the light of the LORD.

6 ¶ Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished ^mfrom the east, and ⁿare soothsayers like the Philistines, ^oand they ^pplease themselves in the children of strangers.

7 ^qTheir land also is full of silver and gold, neither *is there any* end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither *is there any* end of their chariots:

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^r Ezek. 32. 21.
^s ch. 43. 17.
^t Or, *and his work*.

^u Mic. 4. 1, &c.
^v Gen. 49. 1.
Jer. 23. 20.
^w Ps. 68. 15, 16.
^x Or, *prepared*.

^y Ps. 72. 8.
ch. 27. 13.

^z Jer. 31. 6.
& 50. 5.
Zech. 8. 21, 23.

^a Luke 24. 47.

^b Ps. 46. 9.
Hos. 2. 18.
Zech. 9. 10.
^c Or, *scythes*.

^d Ps. 72. 3, 7.

^e Eph. 5. 8.

^f Or, *more than the east*.

^g Num. 23. 7.

^h Deut. 18. 14.

ⁱ Ps. 106. 35.
Jer. 10. 2.

^j Or, *abound with the children, &c*.

^k Deut. 17. 16, 17.

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CHRIST
cir. 760.^o Jer. 2. 28.^p ver. 19, 21.
Rev. 6. 15.^q ver. 17.
ch. 5. 15, 16.
& 13. 11.^r ch. 4. 1. &
11. 10, 11.
& 12. 1, 4.
& 24. 21.
& 25. 9. &
26. 1. & 27. 1,
2, 12, 13. &
28. 5. & 29. 18.
& 30. 23. &
52. 6.Jer. 30. 7, 8.
Ezek. 38. 14,
19. & 39. 11, 22.
Hos. 2. 16,
18, 21.
Joel 3. 18.
Amos 9. 11.
Obad. 8.
Mic. 4. 6.
& 5. 10. &
7. 11, 12.
Zeph. 3. 11, 16.
Zech. 9. 16.^s ch. 14. 8.
& 37. 24.
Ezek. 31. 3.
Zech. 11. 1, 2.^t ch. 30. 25.^u 1 Kin. 10. 22.^v Heb. pictures
of desire.^x ver. 11.^y ver. 11.^z Or, the idols
shall utterly
pass away.^z ver. 10.
Hos. 10. 8.
Luko 23. 30.
Rev. 6. 16.
& 9. 6.⁴ Heb. the dust.^a 2 Thess. 1. 9.^b ch. 30. 32.
Hag. 2. 6, 21.
Hebr. 12. 26.^c ch. 30. 22.
& 31. 7.^d Heb. the idols
of his silver,
&c.^e Or, which
they made
for him.^d ver. 19.^e ver. 10, 19.

8 ° Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made :

9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

10 ¶ ^p Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

11 The ^q lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted ^r in that day.

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon every one *that is* proud and lofty, and upon every one *that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low :

13 And upon all ^s the cedars of Lebanon, *that are* high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14 And ^t upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that are* lifted up,

15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

16 ^u And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all ^v pleasant pictures.

17 ^x And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted ^y in that day.

18 And ^z the idols he shall utterly abolish.

19 And they shall go into the ^z holes of the rocks, and into the caves of ^a the earth, ^a for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth ^b to shake terribly the earth.

20 ° In that day a man shall cast ^b his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, ^c which they made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21 ^d To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, ^e for fear of the LORD,

and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

22 ^f Cease ye from man, whose ^f breath *is* in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

CHAPTER III.

1 *The great confusion which cometh by sin.*
9 *The impudency of the people.* 12 *The oppression and covetousness of the rulers.*
16 *The judgments which shall be for the pride of the women.*

FOR, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, ^a doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah ^b the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

2 ° The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

3 The captain of fifty, and ² the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the ³ eloquent orator.

4 And I will give ^d children *to be* their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and *let* this ruin *be* under thy hand :

7 In that day shall he ⁴ swear, *saying*, I will not be an ⁵ healer; for in my house *is* neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For ° Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings *are* against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9 ¶ The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as ^f Sodom, they hide *it* not. Woe unto their

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cir. 760.^f Ps. 146. 3.
Jer. 17. 5.
^g Job 27. 3.^a Jer. 37. 21.
& 38. 9.
^b Lev. 26. 26.^c See 2 Kings
24. 14.^d Heb. a man
eminent in
countenance.^e Or, skilful of
speech.^f Eccles. 10. 16.^g Heb. lift up
the hand,
Gen. 14. 22.
^h Heb. binder
up.ⁱ Mic. 3. 12.^j Gen. 13. 13.
& 18. 20, 21.
& 19. 5.

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⁶ Eccles. 8. 12.
^h Ps. 128. 2.

¹ Ps. 11. 6.
Eccles. 8. 13.

³ Heb. *done to him.*
^k ver. 4.

¹ ch. 9. 16.
³ Or, *they which call thee blessed.*
⁴ Heb. *swallow up.*
^m Mic. 6. 2.

⁵ Or, *burnt.*
ⁿ ch. 5. 7.
Matt. 21. 33.
^o ch. 58. 4.
Mic. 3. 2, 3.

⁶ Heb. *deceiving with their eyes.*
⁷ Or, *tripping nicely.*

^p Deut. 28. 27.

⁸ Heb. *make naked.*
^q ch. 47. 2, 3.
Jer. 13. 22.
Nah. 3. 5.

^r Or, *networks.*
^r Judg. 8. 21.

² Or, *sweet balls.*
³ Or, *spangled ornaments.*

⁴ Heb. *houses of the soul.*

soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

10 Say ye to the righteous, ^athat *it shall be well with him*: ^bfor they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

11 Woe unto the wicked! ⁱ*it shall be ill with him*: for the reward of his hands shall be ²given him.

12 ¶ *As for* my people, ^kchildren are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, ¹³they which lead thee cause *thee* to err, and ⁴destroy the way of thy paths.

13 The LORD standeth up ^mto plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have ⁵eaten up ⁿthe vineyard; the spoil of the poor *is* in your houses.

15 What mean ye *that* ye ^obeat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord God of hosts.

16 ¶ Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and ⁶wanton eyes, walking and ⁷mincing *as* they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17 Therefore the Lord will smite with ^pa scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will ⁸^qdiscover their secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of *their* tinkling ornaments *about their feet*, and *their* ⁹cauls, and *their* ^rround tires like the moon,

19 The ²chains, and the bracelets, and the ³mufflers,

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the ⁴tablets, and the earrings,

21 The rings, and nose jewels,

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,

23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.

24 And it shall come to pass, *that* instead of sweet smell there shall

be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair ^abaldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of beauty.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy ²mighty in the war.

26 ^tAnd her gates shall lament *and* mourn; and she *being* ³⁴desolate ^ushall sit upon the ground.

CHAPTER IV.

In the extremity of evils, Christ's kingdom shall be a sanctuary.

AND ^ain that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will ^beat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only ⁵let us be called by thy name, ⁶to take away ^cour reproach.

2 In that day shall ^dthe branch of the LORD be ⁷beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall* be excellent and comely ⁸for them that are escaped of Israel.

3 And it shall come to pass, *that* *he that is* left in Zion, and *he that* remaineth in Jerusalem, ^eshall be called holy, *even* every one that is ^fwritten ⁹among the living in Jerusalem:

4 When ^{the} Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, ^ha cloud and smoke by day, and ⁱthe shining of a flaming fire by night: for ²upon all the glory *shall be* ³a defence.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and ^kfor a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

CHAPTER V.

¹ Under the parable of a vineyard God excuseth his severe judgment. 8 His judgments upon covetousness, 11 upon lasciviousness, 13 upon impiety, 20 and upon injustice. 26 The executioners of God's judgments.

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^a ch. 22. 12.
Mic. 1. 16.

² Heb. *might.*

^t Jer. 14. 2.

Lam. 1. 4.

³ Or, *emptied.*

⁴ Heb. *cleansed.*

^u Lam. 2. 10.

^a ch. 2. 11, 17.

^b 2 Thess. 3. 12.

⁵ Heb. *let thy name be called upon us.*

⁶ Or, *take thou away.*

^c Luke 1. 25.

^d Jer. 23. 5.
Zech. 3. 8.
& 6. 12.

⁷ Heb. *beauty and glory.*

⁸ Heb. *for the escaping of Israel.*

^e ch. 60. 21.

^f Phil. 4. 3.
Rev. 3. 5.

⁹ Or, *to life.*

^h Mal. 3. 2, 3.

^h Ex. 13. 21.

ⁱ Zech. 2. 5.

² Or, *above.*

³ Heb. *a covering,*
ch. 8. 14.

^k ch. 25. 4.

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^a Ps. 80. 8.
Cant. 8. 12.
ch. 27. 2.
Jer. 2. 21.
Matt. 21. 33.
Mark 12. 1.
Luke 20. 9.
^b Heb. *the*
horn of the
son of oil.
^c Or, *made a*
wall about it.
^d Heb. *heaved.*
^e Deut. 32. 6.
ch. 1. 2, 3.

^f Rom. 3. 4.

^g Ps. 80. 12.

^h Heb. *for a*
treading.

ⁱ Heb. *plant of*
his pleasures.

^j Heb. *a scab.*

^k Mic. 2. 2.

^l Heb. *ye.*

^m ch. 22. 14.

ⁿ Or, *This is*
in mine ears,
saith the
LORD, &c.

^o Heb. *If not,*
&c.

^p See Ezek. 45.
11.

^q Prov. 23. 29,
30.
Eccles. 10. 16.
ver. 22.

NOW will I sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching ^ahis vineyard. My well-beloved hath a vineyard in ^aa very fruitful hill :

2 And he ^bfenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also ^cmade a winepress therein : ^dand he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, ^ejudge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it ? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes ?

5 And now go to ; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard : ^fI will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up ; *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be ^gtrodden down :

6 And I will lay it waste : it shall not be pruned, nor digged ; but there shall come up briers and thorns : I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah ^hhis pleasant plant : and he looked for judgment, but behold ⁱoppression ; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

8 ¶ Woe unto them that join ^jhouse to house, *that* lay field to field, till *there be* no place, that ^kthey may be placed alone in the midst of the earth !

9 ^lIn mine ears *saith* the LORD of hosts, ^mOf a truth many houses shall be desolate, *even* great and fair, without inhabitant.

10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one ⁿbath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

11 ¶ ^oWoe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they

may follow strong drink ; that continue until night, *till* wine ^pinflame them !

12 And ^qthe harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts : but ^rthey regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13 ¶ ^sTherefore my people are gone into captivity, ^tbecause *they have* no knowledge : and ^utheir honourable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure : and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

15 And ^vthe mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled :

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and ^w^xGod that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of ^ythe fat ones shall strangers eat.

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope :

19 ^zThat say, Let him make speed, *and* hasten his work, that we may see *it* : and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know *it* !

20 ¶ Woe unto them ^{aa}that call evil good, and good evil ; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness ; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter !

21 Woe unto *them that are* ^{ab}wise in their own eyes, and prudent ^{ac}in their own sight !

22 ^{ad}Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink :

23 Which ^{ae}justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him !

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^{af} Or, *purge*
them.

^{ag} Amos 6. 5, 6.

^{ah} Job 34. 27.
Ps. 28. 5.

^{ai} Hos. 4. 6.

^{aj} ch. 1. 3.
Luke 19. 44.

^{ak} Heb. *their*
glory are men
of famine.

^{al} ch. 2. 9, 11, 17.

^{am} Or, *the holy*
God.

^{an} Heb. *the God*
the holy.

^{ao} ch. 10. 16.

^{ap} ch. 66. 5.
Jer. 17. 16.
Amos 5. 18.
2 Pet. 3. 3, 4.

^{aq} Heb. *that say*
concerning
evil, It is
good, &c.

^{ar} Prov. 3. 7.
Rom. 1. 22.
& 12. 16.

^{as} Heb. *before*
their face.
^{at} ver. 11.

^{au} Prov. 17. 15.
& 24. 24.

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^t Ex. 15. 7.
^s Heb. *the tongue of fire.*

^u Job 18. 16.
Hos. 9. 16.
Amos 2. 9.

^{* 2} Kin. 22.
13, 17.

⁷ Jer. 4. 24.

² Or, *as dung.*

⁸ Lev. 26. 14, &c.
ch. 9. 12, 17,
21. & 10. 4.

^a ch. 11. 12.

^b ch. 7. 18.
^c Deut. 28. 49.
Is. 72. 8.
Mal. 1. 11.
^d Joel 2. 7.

^e Dan. 5. 6.

^f Jer. 5. 16.

^g ch. 8. 22.
Jer. 4. 23.
Lam. 3. 2.
Ezek. 32. 7, 8.
^h Or, *distress.*
ⁱ Or, *when it is light, it shall be dark in the destructions thereof.*

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^{a 2} Kin. 15. 7.
^{b 1} Kin. 22. 19.
John 12. 41.
Rev. 4. 2.

^c Or, *the skirts thereof.*

24 Therefore ¹as ²the fire devour-
eth the stubble, and the flame con-
sumeth the chaff, ^{so} ³their root shall
be as rottenness, and their blossom
shall go up as dust: because they
have cast away the law of the LORD
of hosts, and despised the word of
the Holy One of Israel.

25 ^{*}Therefore is the anger of the
LORD kindled against his people,
and he hath stretched forth his
hand against them, and hath smit-
ten them: and ^vthe hills did trem-
ble, and their carcases ^{were} ³torn
in the midst of the streets. ^{*}For
all this his anger is not turned
away, but his hand *is* stretched out
still.

26 ¶ ^{*}And he will lift up an ensign
to the nations from far, and will
^bhiss unto them from ^cthe end of
the earth: and, behold, ^dthey shall
come with speed swiftly:

27 None shall be weary nor stum-
ble among them; none shall slum-
ber nor sleep; neither ^eshall the
girdle of their loins be loosed, nor
the latchet of their shoes be broken:

28 ^fWhose arrows *are* sharp, and
all their bows bent, their horses'
hoofs shall be counted like flint,
and their wheels like a whirlwind:

29 Their roaring *shall be* like a
lion, they shall roar like young
lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay
hold of the prey, and shall carry
it away safe, and none shall de-
liver *it*.

30 And in that day they shall roar
against them like the roaring of
the sea: and if ^gone ^hlook unto the
land, behold darkness *and* ⁱsorrow,
⁵and the light is darkened in the
heavens thereof.

CHAPTER VI.

1 *Isaiah, in a vision of the Lord in his glory,
5 being terrified, is concerned for his message.
9 He sheweth the obstinacy of the people unto
their desolation. 13 A remnant shall be saved.*

IN the year that ^{*}king Uzziah
died I ^bsaw also the Lord sit-
ting upon a throne, high and lifted
up, and ^chis train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims:
each one had six wings; with twain
he covered his face, and ^cwith twain
he covered his feet, and with twain
he did fly.

3 And ²one cried unto another,
and said, ^dHoly, holy, holy, *is* the
LORD of hosts: ³^ethe whole earth
is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the ⁴door moved
at the voice of him that cried, and
^fthe house was filled with smoke.

5 ¶ ¹Then said I, Woe *is* me! for
I am ⁵undone; because I *am* a
man of unclean lips, and I dwell
in the midst of a people of un-
clean lips: for mine eyes have seen
the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims
unto me, ⁶having a live coal in his
hand, *which* he had taken with the
tongs from off ^hthe altar:

7 And he ⁷laid *it* upon my mouth,
and said, Lo, this hath touched thy
lips; and thine iniquity is taken
away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the
Lord, saying, Whom shall I send,
and who will go for ^kus? Then said
I, ⁸Here *am* I; send me.

9 ¶ And he said, Go, and tell this
people, ¹Hear ye ⁹²indeed, but un-
derstand not; and see ye ³indeed,
but perceive not.

10 Make ^mthe heart of this people
fat, and make their ears heavy, and
shut their eyes; ⁿlest they see with
their eyes, and hear with their ears,
and understand with their heart,
and convert, and be healed.

11 Then said I, Lord, how long?
And he answered, ^oUntil the cities
be wasted without inhabitant, and
the houses without man, and the
land be ⁴utterly desolate,

12 ^pAnd the LORD have removed
men far away, and *there be* a great
forsaking in the midst of the land.

13 ¶ But yet in it *shall be* a tenth,
⁵and *it* shall return, and shall be
eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak,
whose ⁶substance *is* in them, when
they cast *their leaves*: ^{so} ⁴the holy
seed *shall be* the substance thereof.

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^o Ezek. 1. 11.

^s Heb. *this*
cried to this.

^d Rev. 4. 8.

³ Heb. *his*
glory is the
fulness of the
whole earth.

^e Ps. 72. 19.

⁴ Heb.
thresholds.

^f Ex. 40. 34.

¹ Kin. 8. 10.

⁵ Ex. 4. 10.

& 6. 30.

Judg. 6. 22.

& 13. 22.

Jer. 1. 6.

⁵ Heb. *cut off.*

⁶ Heb. *and in*
his hand a
live coal.

^h Rev. 8. 3.

⁷ Heb. *caused*
it to touch.

¹ See Jer. 1. 9.
Dan. 10. 16.

^k Gen. 1. 26. &
3. 22. & 11. 7.

⁸ Heb. *Behold*
me.

¹ ch. 43. 8.

Matt. 13. 14.

Mark 4. 12.

Luke 8. 10.

John 12. 40.

Acts 28. 26.

Rom. 11. 8.

⁹ Or, *without*
ceasing, &c.

² Heb. *hear ye*
in hearing,
&c.

³ Heb. *in see-*
ing.

^m Ps. 119. 70.

ch. 63. 17.

ⁿ Jer. 5. 21.

^o Mic. 3. 12.

⁴ Heb. *deso-*
late with
desolation.

^{p 2} Kin. 25. 21.

⁵ Or, *when it*
is returned,
and hath
been browsed.

⁶ Or, *stock,*
or, stem.

⁴ Ezra 9. 2.
Mal. 2. 15.
Rom. 11. 5.

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CHAPTER VII.

1 Ahaz, being troubled with fear of Rezin and Pekah, is comforted by Isaiah. 10 Ahaz, having liberty to choose a sign, and refusing it, hath for a sign, Christ promised. 17 His judgment is prophesied to come by Assyria.

AND it came to pass in the days of ^aAhaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria ²is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, ^band ³Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the ^cconduit of the upper pool in the ⁴highway of the fuller's field;

4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, ⁵neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah, and ⁶vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal:

7 Thus saith the Lord God, ^dIt shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

8 ^eFor the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, ⁷that it be not a people.

9 And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son. ^f18 If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

10 ¶ ⁹Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,

11 ^aAsk thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ^aask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.

13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; ^bBehold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear ¹a son, and ³shall call his name ^kImmanuel.

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16 ¹For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of ^mboth her kings.

17 ¶ ⁿThe LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that ^oEphraim departed from Judah; *even* the king of Assyria.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD ^pshall hiss for the fly that *is* in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.

19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in ^qthe holes of the rocks, and upon all ⁴bushes.

20 In the same day shall the Lord shave with a ^rrazor that is hired, *namely*, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;

22 And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk *that* they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left ^sin the land.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines

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⁵ Judg. 6. 36, &c.
Matt. 12. 38.
² Or, *make thy petition deep.*

^b Matt. 1. 23.
Luke 1. 31, 34.
¹ ch. 9. 6.

³ Or, *thou, O virgin, shalt call*: See Gen. 4. 1, 25. & 16. 11. & 29. 32. & 30. 6, 8.
1 Sam. 4. 21.

^k ch. 8. 8.
¹ See ch. 8. 4.

^m 2 Kin. 15. 30. & 16. 9.
ⁿ 2 Chron. 28. 19.

^o 1 Kin. 12. 16.

^p ch. 5. 26.

^q ch. 2. 19.
Jer. 16. 16.

⁴ Or, *commendable trees.*

^r 2 Kin. 16. 7, 8.
2 Chron. 28. 20, 21.
See Ezek. 5. 1.

^s Heb. *in the midst of the land.*

^a 2 Kin. 16. 5.
2 Chron. 28. 5, 6.

² Heb. *resteth on Ephraim.*

^b ch. 10. 21.
³ That is, *The remnant shall return*: See ch. 6. 13. & 10. 21.
^c 2 Kin. 18. 17. ch. 36. 2.
^d Or, *causeway.*
^e Heb. *let not thy heart be tender.*

⁶ Or, *waken.*

^d Prov. 21. 30. ch. 8. 10.

^e 2 Sam. 8. 6.

⁷ Heb. *from a people.*

^f See 2 Chron. 20. 20.
⁸ Or, *Do ye not believe? it is because ye are not stable.*
⁹ Heb. *And the LORD added to speak.*

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at a thousand silverlings, ^ait shall even be for briers and thorns.

24 With arrows and with bows shall *men* come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

25 And *on* all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 *In Maher-shalal-hash-baz, he prophesieth that Syria and Israel shall be subdued by Assyria. 5 Judah likewise for their infidelity. 9 God's judgments shall be irresistible. 11 Comfort shall be to them that fear God. 19 Great afflictions to idolaters.*

MOREOVER the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and ^awrite in it with a man's pen concerning ²Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, ^bUriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

3 And I ³went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

4 ^oFor before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, ⁴the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

5 ¶ The LORD spake also unto me again, saying,

6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of ^oShiloah that go softly, and rejoice ⁱin Rezin and Remaliah's son;

7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, *even* ^athe king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:

8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go

over, ^bhe shall reach *even* to the neck; and ²the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

9 ¶ ^kAssociate yourselves, O ye people, ³and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

10 ¹Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, ^mand it shall not stand: ⁿfor God is with us.

11 ¶ For the LORD spake thus to me ⁴with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all *them* to whom ^othis people shall say, A confederacy; ^pneither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

13 ^qSanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and ^rlet him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

14 And ^she shall be for a sanctuary; but for ^ta stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall ^ustumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that ^xhideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I ^ywill look for him.

18 ^zBehold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me ^aare for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

19 ¶ And when they shall say unto you, ^bSeek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards ^cthat peep, and that mutter: should not ^apeople seek unto their God? for the living ^dto the dead?

20 ^eTo the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because ^fthere is ^gno light in them.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 741.^h ch. 30. 28.² Heb. *the fulness of the breadth of thy land shall be the stretchings out of his wings.*¹ ch. 7. 14.^k Joel 3. 9, 11.³ Or, yet.¹ Job 5. 12.^m ch. 7. 7.ⁿ ch. 7. 14. Acts 5. 38, 39. Rom. 8. 31.⁴ Heb. *in strength of hand.*^o ch. 7. 2.^p 1 Pet. 3. 14, 15.^q Num. 20. 12.^r Ps. 76. 7. Luke 12. 5.^s Ezek. 11. 16.^t ch. 28. 16. Luke 2. 34. Rom. 9. 33. 1 Pet. 2. 8.^u Matt. 21. 44. Luke 20. 18. Rom. 9. 32. & 11. 25.^x ch. 54. 8.^y Hab. 2. 3. Luke 2. 25, 38.^z Hebr. 2. 13.^a Ps. 71. 7. Zech. 3. 8.

cir. 741.

^b 1 Sam. 28. 8. ch. 19. 3.^c ch. 29. 4.^d Ps. 106. 28.^e Luke 16. 29.^f Mic. 3. 6.^g Heb. *no morning.*^a ch. 30. 8.

Hab. 2. 2.

^h Heb. *In making speed to the spoil he hasteneth the prey, or, Make speed, &c.*^b 2 Kin. 16. 10.³ Heb. *approached unto.*^o See ch. 7. 16.⁴ Or, he that is before the king of Assyria shall take away the riches, &c.

cir. 741.

^d 2 Kin. 15. 29. & 16. 9. ch. 17. 3.^o Neh. 3. 15. John 9. 7.ⁱ ch. 7. 1, 2, 6.^a ch. 10. 12.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 741.^a Rev. 16. 11.^b ch. 8. 30.ⁱ ch. 9. 1.cir. 740.
^a ch. 8. 22.^b 2 Kin. 15. 29.
2 Chron. 16. 4.^c Lev. 26. 24.
² Kin. 17. 5, 6.
1 Chron. 5. 26.
cir. 771.
cir. 740.^d Or, *populous*.
^d Matt. 4. 16.
Eph. 5. 8, 14.^e Or, *to him*.^f Judg. 5. 30.^g Or, *When thou brakest*.
^g ch. 10. 5.
& 14. 5.^h Judg. 7. 22.
Ps. 83. 9.
ch. 10. 26.ⁱ Or, *When the whole battle of the warrior was, &c.*
ⁱ ch. 68. 15, 16.^j Or, *and it was, &c.*^k Heb. *meat*.^l ch. 7. 14.
Luke 2. 11.^m John 3. 16.ⁿ Matt. 28. 18.
1 Cor. 15. 25.^o Judg. 13. 18.^p Tit. 2. 13.^q Eph. 2. 14.^r Dan. 2. 44.
Luke 1. 32, 33.

21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and ^a curse their king and their God, and look upward.

22 And ^b they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, ⁱ dimness of anguish; and *they shall be driven to darkness.*

CHAPTER IX.

1 *What joy shall be in the midst of afflictions, by the kingdom and birth of Christ.* ⁸ *The judgments upon Israel for their pride,* ¹³ *for their hypocrisy,* ¹⁸ *and for their impenitency.*

NEVERTHELESS ^a the dimness shall not be such as *was* in her vexation, when at the ^b first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and ^c afterward did more grievously afflict *her* by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee ² of the nations.

2 ^d The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and ³ not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as *men* rejoice ^e when they divide the spoil.

4 ^f For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and ^f the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of ^g Midian.

5 ^h For every battle of the warrior *is* with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; ^h ⁶ but *this* shall be with burning and ⁷ fuel of fire.

6 ⁱ For unto us a child is born, unto us a ^k son is given: and ⁱ the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called ^m Wonderful, Counsellor, ⁿ The mighty God, The everlasting Father, ^o The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace ^p there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon

his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The ^a zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

8 ^q ¶ The LORD sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change *them into cedars.*

11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and ² join his enemies together;

12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel ³ with open mouth. ^r For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

13 ¶ For ^s the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.

14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, ^t in one day.

15 The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail.

16 For ^u the leaders of this people cause *them* to err; and ^v *they that are led of them are* ^u destroyed.

17 Therefore the LORD ^x shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: ^y for every one *is* an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh ⁷ folly. ^z For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

18 ¶ For wickedness ^a burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up *like* the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts *is* ^b the land darkened, and

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 740.^q 2 Kin. 19. 31.
ch. 37. 32.

cir. 738.

^s Heb. *mingle*.^t Heb. *with whole mouth*.
^t ch. 5. 25.
& 10. 4.
Jer. 4. 8.^u Jer. 5. 3.
Hos. 7. 10.^v ch. 10. 17.
Rev. 18. 8.^w ch. 3. 12.
^w Or, *they that call them blessed*.^x Or, *they that are called blessed of them*.^y Heb. *swallowed up*.^z Ps. 147. 10, 11.⁷ Mic. 7. 2.⁷ Or, *villany*.^z ver. 12, 21.
ch. 5. 25.
& 10. 4.^a ch. 10. 17.
Mal. 4. 1.^b ch. 8. 22.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 738.

^a Heb. *meat*.
^c Mic. 7. 2, 6.
^a Heb. *cut*.
^d Lev. 26. 26.
^e ch. 49. 26.
Jer. 19. 9.

^f ver. 12, 17.
ch. 5. 25.
& 10. 4.

cir. 713.
^a Ps. 58. 2.
& 94. 20.
^a Or, *to the*
writers that
write griev-
ousness.

^b Job 31. 14.
^c Hos. 9. 7.
Luke 19. 44.

^d ch. 5. 25. &
9. 12, 17, 21.

^a Or, *Woe to*
the Assyrian.
^b Heb. *Asshur*.
^c Jer. 51. 20.
^d Or, *though*.
^e ch. 9. 17.

^a Jer. 34. 22.

^a Heb. *to*
lay them a
treading.

^b Gen. 50. 20.
Mic. 4. 12.

the people shall be as the ^afuel of the fire: ^ano man shall spare his brother.

20 And he shall ^asnatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, ^dand they shall not be satisfied: ^athey shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:

21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: *and they together shall be against Judah*. ^aFor all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

CHAPTER X.

1 *The woe of tyrants. 5 Assyria, the rod of hypocrites, for his pride shall be broken. 20 A remnant of Israel shall be saved. 24 Israel is comforted with promise of deliverance from Assyria.*

WOE unto them that ^adecree unrighteous decrees, and ^athat write grievousness *which* they have prescribed;

2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless!

3 And ^bwhat will ye do in ^athe day of visitation, and in the desolation *which* shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?

4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. ^dFor all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

5 ¶ ^aO ^aAssyrian, ^athe rod of mine anger, ^aand the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

6 I will send him against ^aan hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I ^agive him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and ^ato tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 ^bHowbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but *it is* in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

8 ^aFor he saith, *Are* not my princes altogether kings?

9 *Is* not ^aCalno ^aas Carchemish? *is* not Hamath as Arpad? *is* not Samaria ^aas Damascus?

10 As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;

11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his whole work ^aupon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, ^aI will ^apunish the fruit ^aof the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

13 ^aFor he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants ^alike a valiant man:

14 And ^amy hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs *that are* left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

15 Shall ^athe ax boast itself against him that heweth therewith? *or* shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? ^aas if the rod should shake *itself* against them that lift it up, *or* as if the staff should lift up *itself*, *as if it were* no wood.

16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his ^afat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: ^aand it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

18 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of ^ahis fruitful field, ^aboth soul and body: and they

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 713.

¹ 2 Kin. 18. 24, 33, &c.
& 19. 10, &c.
² Amos 6. 2.
¹² Chron. 35. 20.
^m 2 Kin. 16. 9.

ⁿ 2 Kin. 19. 31.
^o Jer. 50. 18.
^a Heb. *visit upon*.
^b Heb. *of the greatness of the heart*.
^p Isai. 37. 24.
Ezek. 28. 4, &c.
Dan. 4. 30.

^a Or, *like many people*.

^q Job 31. 25.

^r Jer. 51. 20.

^a Or, *as if a rod should shake them that lift it up*.

^a Or, *that which is not wood*.

^a ch. 5. 17.

^t ch. 9. 18.
& 27. 4.

^u 2 Kin. 19. 23.
^v Heb. *from the soul, and even to the flesh*.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 713.^a Heb. number.^{*} See 2 Kings
16. 7.
2 Chron. 28. 20.⁷ ch. 7. 3.^{*} Rom. 9. 27.^a ch. 6. 13.^a Heb. in, or,
among.^b ch. 28. 22.⁴ Or, in.^c ch. 28. 22.
Dan. 9. 27.
Rom. 9. 28.^d ch. 37. 8.^e Or, but he
shall lift up
his staff for
thee.^o Exod. 14.^f ch. 54. 7.^g Dan. 11. 36.^h 2 Kin. 19. 35.ⁱ Judg. 7. 25.
ch. 9. 4.^k Ex. 14. 26, 27.^l ch. 14. 25.^o Heb. shall
remove.^m Ps. 105. 15.
Dan. 9. 24.
1 John 2. 20.ⁿ 1 Sam. 13. 23.^o 1 Sam. 11. 4.

shall be as when a standardbearer fainteth.

19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be ² few, that a child may write them.

20 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, ² shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21 ³ The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

22 ⁴ For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, ^a yet a remnant ³ of them shall return: ^b the consumption decreed shall overflow ⁴ with righteousness.

23 ^c For the Lord God of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

24 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, ^d be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, ^e and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of ^e Egypt.

25 ^f For yet a very little while, ^g and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

26 And the LORD of hosts shall stir up ^h a scourge for him according to the slaughter of ⁱ Midian at the rock of Oreb: and ^k as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* ^l his burden ^o shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of ^m the anointing.

28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages:

29 They are gone over ⁿ the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; ^o Gibeah of Saul is fled.

30 ² Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard unto ^a Laish, ² O poor Anathoth.

31 ^a Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

32 As yet shall he remain ^a at Nob that day: he shall ^a shake his hand against the mount of ^a the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and ^a the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

34 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall ³ by a mighty one.

CHAPTER XI.

1 The peaceable kingdom of the Branch out of the root of Jesse. 10 The victorious restoration of Israel, and vocation of the Gentiles.

AND ^a there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of ^b Jesse, and ^c a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 ^d And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

3 And shall make him of ⁴ quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But ^e with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and ⁵ reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall ^f smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And ^g righteousness shall be girdle of his loins, and faithful the girdle of his reins.

6 ^h The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard down with the kid; ⁱ and the young lion

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 713.^a Heb. Cry
shrill with
thy voice.^p 1 Sam. 25. 44.^q Judg. 18. 7.^r Josh. 21. 18.^s Josh. 15. 31.^t 1 Sam. 21. 1.

& 22. 19.

Neh. 11. 32.

^u ch. 13. 2.^x ch. 37. 22.^y See Amos 2. 9.^a Or, mightily.^a ch. 53. 2.

Zech. 6. 12.

Rev. 5. 5.

^b Acts 13. 23.
ver. 10.^c ch. 4. 2.

Jer. 23. 5.

^d ch. 61. 1.

Matt. 3. 16.

John 1. 32, 33.
& 3. 34.^e Heb. scent,
or, smell.^f Ps. 72. 1.

Rev. 19. 15.

^g Or, righteousness.^h Job 1. 9.

Ps. 104. 20.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 713.

together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the ²cockatrice' den.

9 ¹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for ^kthe earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 ¶ ¹And in that day ^mthere shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the ⁿGentiles seek: and ^ohis rest shall be ³glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass ^pin that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, ^qfrom Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together ^rthe dispersed of Judah from the four ⁴corners of the earth.

13 ^sThe envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil ⁵them of the east together: ^tthey shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; ⁷and the children of Ammon ^ushall obey them.

15 And the LORD ^xshall utterly troy the tongue of the Egyptian and with his mighty wind ^vhe shall shake his hand over the ⁴shall smite it in the seven and make *men* go over

re shall be an high-

way for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; ^alike as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER XII.

A joyful thanksgiving of the faithful for the mercies of God.

AND ^ain that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

2 Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD ^bJEHOVAH *is* my ^cstrength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw ^dwater out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, ^ePraise the LORD, ²call tpon his name, ^fdeclare his doings among the people, make mention that his ^gname is exalted.

5 ^hSing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth.

6 ⁱCry out and shout, thou ³inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* ^kthe Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

CHAPTER XIII.

¹ God mustereth the armies of his wrath. ⁶ He threateneth to destroy Babylon by the Medes. ¹⁹ The desolation of Babylon.

THE ^aburden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

2 ^bLift ye up a banner ^cupon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, ^dshake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called ^emy mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that ^frejoice in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, ⁴like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 713.

^a Ex. 14. 29.
ch. 51. 10.
& 63. 12, 13.

^a ch. 2. 11.

^b Ps. 83. 18.
^c Ex. 15. 2.
Ps. 118. 14.

^d John 4. 10, 14.
& 7. 37, 38.

^e 1 Chron. 16. 8.
Ps. 105. 1.
^f Or, *proclaim his name.*

^g Ps. 145. 4, 5, 6.
^h Ps. 34. 3.
ⁱ Ex. 15. 1, 21.
Ps. 68. 32.
& 98. 1.

^j ch. 54. 1.
Zeph. 3. 14.
^k Heb. *inhabitant.*
^l Ps. 71. 22.
& 89. 18.
ch. 41. 14, 16.

cir. 712.

^a ch. 21. 1.
& 47. 1.
Jer. 50, & 51.
^b ch. 5. 26.
& 18. 3.
Jer. 50. 2.
^c Jer. 51. 25.
^d ch. 10. 32.

^e Joel 3. 11.

^f Ps. 149. 2, 5, 6.

^g Heb. *the likeness of.*

^a Or, *adder's.*

ⁱ Job 5. 23.
ch. 2. 4.
& 35. 9.

^k Hab. 2. 14.

¹ ch. 2. 11.

^m ver. 1.
Rom. 15. 12.

ⁿ Rom. 15. 10.

^o Hebr. 4. 1, &c.

^p Heb. *glory.*

^q ch. 2. 11.

^r Zech. 10. 10.

^s John 7. 35.
Jam. 1. 1.

^t Heb. *wings.*

^u Jer. 3. 18.

Ezek. 37. 16,

17, 22.

Hos. 1. 11.

^v Heb. *the likeness of.*

14. 41.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^g Zeph. 1. 7.
Rev. 6. 17.
^h Job 31. 23.
Joel 1. 15.
ⁱ Or, full down.

¹ Ps. 48. 6.
ch. 21. 3.

^g Heb. wonder.
⁴ Heb. every man at his neighbour.
⁵ Heb. faces of the flames.
^k Mal. 4. 1.

¹ Ps. 104. 35.
Prov. 2. 22.

^m ch. 24. 21, 23.
Ezek. 32. 7.
Joel 2. 31.
& 3. 15.
Matt. 24. 29.
Mark 13. 24.
Luke 21. 25.

ⁿ ch. 2. 17.

^o Hag. 2. 6.

^p Ps. 110. 5.
Lam. 1. 12.

^q Jer. 50. 16.
& 51. 9.

^r Ps. 137. 9.
Nah. 3. 10.
Zech. 14. 2.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, *even* the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 ¶ Howl ye; ^s for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; ^h it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands ² be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: ¹ pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall ³ be amazed ⁴ one at another; their faces *shall be as* ⁵ flames.

9 Behold, ^k the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy ¹ the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be ^m darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; ⁿ and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 ^o Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in ^p the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: ^q they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.

15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined *unto them* shall fall by the sword.

16 Their children also shall be ^r dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

17 ^a Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and *as for* gold, they shall not delight in it.

18 *Their* bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19 ¶ ^t And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be ² as when God overthrew ^u Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 ^x It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

21 ^y But ³ wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of ⁴ doleful creatures; and ⁵ ⁶ owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

22 And ⁷ the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their ⁸ desolate houses, and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces: ^z and her time *is* near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

CHAPTER XIV.

1 God's merciful restoration of Israel. 4 Their triumphant insultation over Babel. 24 God's purpose against Assyria. 29 Palestine is threatened.

FOR the LORD ^a will have mercy on Jacob, and ^b will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: ^c and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2 And the people shall take them, ^d and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, ^e whose captives they were; ^f and they shall rule over their oppressors.

3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^g ch. 21. 2.
Jer. 51. 11, 28.
Dan. 5. 28, 31.

^t ch. 14. 4, 22.

^u Heb. as the overthrowing.
^v Gen. 19. 24, 25.
Deut. 29. 23.
Jer. 49. 18.
& 50. 40.
^x Jer. 50. 3, 39.
& 51. 29, 62.

^y ch. 34. 11,—15.
Rev. 18. 2.

^z Heb. Ziim.
⁴ Heb. Ochim.
⁵ Or, ostriches.

⁶ Heb. daughters of the owl.

⁷ Heb. Tim.

⁸ Or, palaces.

^z Jer. 51. 33.

^a Ps. 102. 13.

^b Zech. 1. 17.
& 2. 12.

^c ch. 60. 4, 5, 10.
Eph. 2. 12, 13,
&c.

^d ch. 49. 22. &
60. 9. & 66. 20.

^e Heb. that had taken them captives.
^f ch. 60. 14.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^r ch. 13. 19.
Hab. 2. 6.
^s Or, *taunting speech*.
^s Or, *exactress of gold*.
^s Rev. 18. 16.
^b Ps. 125. 3.

^a Heb. *a stroke without removing*.

ⁱ ch. 55. 12.
Ezek. 31. 16.

^k Ezek. 32. 21.
^b Or, *The grave*.

^c Heb. *leaders*.
^v Or, *great goats*.

ⁱ ch. 34. 4.
^s Or, *O day star*.

^m Matt. 11. 23.

ⁿ Dan. 8. 10.

^o Ps. 48. 2.

^p ch. 47. 8.
2 Thess. 2. 4.

^q Matt. 11. 23.

from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

4 ¶ That thou ^r shalt take up this ^s proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the ^s golden city ceased!

5 The LORD hath broken ^b the staff of the wicked, *and* the sceptre of the rulers.

6 He who smote the people in wrath with ^a a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, *and* none hindereth.

7 The whole earth is at rest, *and* is quiet: they break forth into singing.

8 ⁱ Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

9 ^k ^b Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet *thee* at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, *even* all the ^c chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?

11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

12 ⁱ How art thou fallen from heaven, ^s O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, ^m I will ascend into heaven, ⁿ I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, ^o in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; ^p I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou ^q shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16 They that see thee shall nar-

rowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

17 *That* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* ^s opened not the house of his prisoners?

18 All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, *and as* the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, *and* slain thy people: ^r the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

21 Prepare slaughter for his children ^s for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon ^r the name, and ^u remnant, ^s and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

23 ^v I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

24 ¶ The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, *so* shall it stand:

25 That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall ^s his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

26 This *is* the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this *is* the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27 For the LORD of hosts hath ^s purposed, and who shall disannul

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^s Or, *did not let his prisoners loose homewards?*

^r Job 18. 19.
Ps. 21. 10.
& 37. 28. &
109. 13.

^s Ex. 20. 5.
Matt. 23. 35.

^t Prov. 10. 7.
Jer. 51. 62.
^u 1 Kin. 14. 10.
^s Job 18. 19.

^v ch. 34. 11.
Zeph. 2. 14.

^s ch. 10. 27.

^s 2 Chron. 20. 6.
Job 9. 12. &
23. 13.
Ps. 33. 11.
Prov. 19. 21.
& 21. 30.
ch. 43. 13.
Dan. 4. 31, 35.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^b 2 Kin. 16. 20.

726.

^a 2 Chron. 26. 6.

^a Or, *adder.*

^d 2 Kin. 18. 8.

^a Or, *he shall not be alone.*

^d Or, *assemblies.*

^e Ps. 87. 1, 5. & 102. 16.

^f Zeph. 3. 12. Zech. 11. 11.

^g Or, *betake themselves unto it.*

cir. 726.

^a Jer. 48. 1, &c. Ezek. 25. 8,—11. Amos 2. 1.

^b Num. 21. 28.

^c Or, *cut off.*

^e ch. 16. 12.

^d See Lev. 21. 5. ch. 3. 24. & 22. 12.

Jer. 47. 5. & 48. 1, 37, 38. Ezek. 7. 18.

^e Jer. 48. 38.

^f Heb. *descending into weeping, or, coming down with weeping.*

^f ch. 16. 9.

^g ch. 16. 11. Jer. 48. 31.

^h Or, *to the borders thereof, even to Zoar, as an heifer.*

^h ch. 16. 14. Jer. 48. 34.

ⁱ Jer. 48. 5.

it? and his hand *is* stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28 In the year that ^bking Ahaz died was this burden.

29 ¶ Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, ^abecause the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a ^acockatrice, ^dand his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent.

30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, *art* dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and ^anone *shall be* alone in his ^dappointed times.

32 What shall *one* then answer the messengers of the nation? That ^athe LORD hath founded Zion, and ^fthe poor of his people shall ^btrust in it.

CHAPTER XV.

The lamentable state of Moab.

THE ^aburden of Moab. Because in the night ^bAr of Moab is laid waste, *and* ^cbrought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, *and* brought to silence;

2 ^aHe is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: ^don all their heads *shall be* baldness, *and* every beard cut off.

3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: ^aon the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, ^eweeping abundantly.

4 And Heshbon shall cry, ^fand Elealeh: their voice shall be heard *even* unto Jahaz: therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous unto him.

5 ^aMy heart shall cry out for Moab; ^bhis fugitives *shall flee* unto Zoar, an ^bheifer of three years old: for ⁱby the mounting up of Luhith

with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of ^adestruction.

6 For the waters ^kof Nimrim shall be ^adesolate: for the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing.

7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the ^dbrook of the willows.

8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim.

9 For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood: for I will bring ^bmore upon Dimon, ⁱlions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

CHAPTER XVI.

1 *Moab is exhorted to yield obedience to Christ's kingdom.* 6 *Moab is threatened for her pride.* 9 *The prophet bewaileth her.* 12 *The judgment of Moab.*

^a**S**END ye the lamb to the ruler of the land ^bfrom ^cSela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it shall be, *that*, as a wandering bird ^ecast out of the nest, *so* the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of ^aArnon.

3 ^aTake counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth.

4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the ^aextortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, ^athe oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5 And in mercy ^dshall the throne be ^aestablished: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, ^ajudging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

6 ¶ We have heard of the ^fpride of Moab; *he is* very proud: *even* of

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 726.

^a Heb. *breaking.*

^k Num. 32. 36.

^b Heb. *desolations.*

^d Or, *valley of the Arabians.*

^e Heb. *additions.*

ⁱ 2 Kin. 17. 25.

^a 2 Kin. 3. 4.

^b 2 Kin. 14. 7.

^c Or, *Petra*: Heb. *A rock.*

^e Or, *a nest forsaken.*

^a Num. 21. 13.

^b Heb. *Bring.*

^a Heb. *wringer.*

^a Heb. *the treaders down.*

^d Dan. 7. 14, 27.

Mic. 4. 7.

Luko 1. 33.

^a Or, *prepared.*

^e Ps. 72. 2. & 96. 13. & 98. 9.

^f Jer. 48. 29. Zeph. 2. 10.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 726.⁵ ch. 28. 15.
^h Jer. 48. 20.¹ 2 Kin. 3. 25.² Or, *mutter*.² ch. 24. 7.¹ ver. 9.² Or, *plucked up*.^m Jer. 48. 32.ⁿ ch. 15. 4.⁴ Or, *the alarm is fallen upon, &c.*^o ch. 24. 8.
Jer. 48. 33.^p ch. 15. 5. &
63. 15.
Jer. 48. 36.^q ch. 15. 2.^r ch. 21. 16.^s Or, *not many*.

his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: ⁵but his lies *shall* not be so.

7 Therefore shall Moab ^hhowl for Moab, every one shall howl: for the foundations ⁱof Kir-hareseth shall ye ²mourn; surely *they are* stricken.

8 For ^kthe fields of Heshbon languish, and ^lthe vine of Sibmah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come *even* unto Jazer, they wandered *through* the wilderness: her branches are ³stretched out, they are gone over the sea.

9 ¶ Therefore ^mI will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, ⁿO Heshbon, and Elealeh: for ⁴the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen.

10 And ^ogladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in *their* presses; I have made *their vintage* shouting to cease.

11 Wherefore ^pmy bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-harsh.

12 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on ^qthe high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

13 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since that time.

14 But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, ^ras the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant *shall be* very small and ^sfeeble.

CHAPTER XVII.

1 Syria and Israel are threatened. 6 A remnant shall forsake idolatry. 9 The rest shall be plagued for their impiety. 12 The woe of Israel's enemies.

THE ^aburden of Damascus. **B**ehold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and ^bnone shall make *them* afraid.

3 ^cThe fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass, *that* the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and ^dthe fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

5 ^eAnd it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.

6 ¶ Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two *or* three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four *or* five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.

7 At that day shall a man ^glook to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect *that* which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the ²images.

9 ¶ In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation.

10 Because thou hast forgotten ^hthe God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips:

11 In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: *but* the harvest *shall be* ³a heap in

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 741.^a Jer. 49. 23.
Amos 1. 3.
Zech. 9. 1.
fulfilled
740,
² Kin. 16. 9.
^b Jer. 7. 33.^c ch. 7. 16.
& 8. 4.^d ch. 10. 16.^e Jer. 51. 33.cir. 741.
^f ch. 24. 13.^g Mic. 7. 7.^h Or, *sun images*.ⁱ Ps. 68. 19.^j Or, *removed in the day of inheritance, and there shall be deadly sorrow*.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 741.^a Or, noise.¹ Jer. 6. 23.³ Or, many.^k Ps. 9. 5.¹ Ps. 83. 13.
Hos. 13. 3.⁴ Or, thistle-
down.

the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 ¶ Woe to the ²multitude of many people, *which* make a noise ¹like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, *that* make a rushing like the rushing of ³mighty waters!

13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but *God* shall ^krebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and ¹shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like ⁴a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

14 And behold at eveningtide trouble; *and* before the morning he is not. This *is* the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

CHAPTER XVIII.

¹ God in care of his people will destroy the Ethiopians. ⁷ An access thereby shall grow unto the church.

WOE ^ato the land shadowing with wings, which *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:

² That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bul-rushes upon the waters, *saying*, Go, ye swift messengers, to ^ba nation ⁵scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; ⁶⁷a nation meted out and trodden down, ⁸whose land the rivers have spoiled!

³ All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, ^owhen he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.

⁴ For so the LORD said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will ⁹consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat ²upon herbs, *and* like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

⁵ For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away *and* cut down the branches.

⁶ They shall be left together unto

the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

⁷ ¶ In that time ^dshall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people ²scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

CHAPTER XIX.

¹ The confusion of Egypt. ¹¹ The foolishness of their princes. ¹⁸ The calling of Egypt to the church. ²³ The covenant of Egypt, Assyria, and Israel.

THE ^aburden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD ^brideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and ^cthe idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

² And I will ³^dset the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, *and* kingdom against kingdom.

³ And the spirit of Egypt ⁴shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will ⁵destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall ^eseek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

⁴ And the Egyptians will I ⁶give over ^finto the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

⁵ ^gAnd the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.

⁶ And they shall turn the rivers far away; *and* the brooks ^hof defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither.

⁷ The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 714.^d See Ps. 68. 31.
& 72. 10.
ch. 16. 1.
Zeph. 3. 10.
Mal. 1. 11.² Or, outspread
and polished:
See ver. 2.^a Jer. 46. 13.
Ezek. 29, &
30.^b Ps. 18. 10.
& 104. 3.^c Ex. 12. 12.
Jer. 43. 12.³ Heb. mingle.^d Judg. 7. 22.
1 Sam. 14. 16,
20. 2 Chron.
20. 23.⁴ Heb. shall
be emptied.⁵ Heb. scallow⁶ up.
^e ch. 8. 19. &
47. 12.⁶ Or, shut up.^f ch. 20. 4.
Jer. 46. 26.
Ezek. 29. 19.^g Jer. 51. 36.
Ezek. 30. 12.^h 2 Kin. 19. 24.cir. 714.
^a ch. 20. 4. 5.
Ezek. 30. 4,
5, 9.
Zeph. 2. 12.
& 3. 10.^b ver. 7.^a Or, outspread
and polished.⁶ Or, a nation
that meteth
out, and
treadeth
down.⁷ Heb. a na-
tion of line,
line, and
treading
under foot.⁸ Or, whose
land the
rivers despise.
^c ch. 5. 26.⁹ Or,
regard my
set dwelling.^a Or, after
rain.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 714.

^a Heb. *and shall not be.*

¹ 1 Kin. 10. 28.
Prov. 7. 16.
^a Or, *white works.*

⁴ Heb. *foundations.*
⁵ Heb. *of living things.*
^a Num. 13. 22.

¹ 1 Cor. 1. 20.

^m Jer. 2. 16.

⁶ Or, *governors.*
⁷ Heb. *corners.*
⁸ Heb. *a spirit of perverseness.*
ⁿ 1 Kin. 22. 22.
ch. 29. 10.

^o ch. 9. 14.

^p Jer. 51. 30.
Nah. 3. 13.

^q ch. 11. 15.

^r Zeph. 3. 9.
^o Heb. *the lip.*

^a Or, *of Heres, or, of the sun.*

every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, ² and be no *more*.

⁸ The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

⁹ Moreover they that work in ¹ fine flax, and they that weave ³ networks, shall be confounded.

¹⁰ And they shall be broken in the ⁴ purposes thereof, all that make sluices *and* ponds ⁵ for fish.

¹¹ ¶ Surely the princes of ^a Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, *I am* the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

¹² ¹ Where *are* they? where *are* thy wise *men*? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.

¹³ The princes of Zoan are become fools, ^m the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, *even* ⁶ ⁷ *they that are* the stay of the tribes thereof.

¹⁴ The LORD hath mingled ⁸ ^a a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.

¹⁵ Neither shall there be *any* work for Egypt, which ^o the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.

¹⁶ In that day shall Egypt ^p be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, ^q which he shaketh over it.

¹⁷ And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.

¹⁸ ¶ In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt ^r speak ^o the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city ² of destruction.

¹⁹ In that day ^a shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.

²⁰ And ^t it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

²¹ And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and ^u shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform *it*.

²² And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal *it*: and they shall return *even* to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

²³ ¶ In that day ^x shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

²⁴ In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, *even* a blessing in the midst of the land:

²⁵ Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *be* Egypt my people, and Assyria ^y the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

CHAPTER XX.

A type prefiguring the shameful captivity of Egypt and Ethiopia.

IN the year that ^a Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it;

² At the same time spake the LORD ² by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose ^b the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, ^c walking naked and barefoot.

³ And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 714.

^a Gen. 28. 18.
Ex. 24. 4.
Josh. 22. 10, 26, 27.
^t See Josh. 4. 20. & 22. 27.

^u Mal. 1. 11.

^x ch. 11. 16.

^y Ps. 100. 3.
ch. 29. 23.
Hos. 2. 23.
Eph. 2. 10.

^a 2 Kin. 18. 17.

^b Heb. *by the hand of Isaiah.*
^b Zech. 13. 4.

^c 1 Sam. 19. 24.
Mic. 1. 8, 11.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 714.^d ch. 8. 18.^e Heb. *the captivity of Egypt.*^e 2 Sam. 10. 4.
ch. 3. 17.
Jer. 13. 22, 26.
Mic. 1. 11.^e Heb. *nakedness.*^f 2 Kin. 18. 21.
ch. 30. 3, 5, 7.
& 36. 6.^g Or, *country,*
Jer. 47. 4.

and barefoot three years ^dfor a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;

4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away ^ethe Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, ^eeven with *their* buttocks uncovered, to the ^eshame of Egypt.

5 'And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

6 And the inhabitant of this ^eisle shall say in that day, Behold, such *is* our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

CHAPTER XXI.

1 *The prophet, bewailing the captivity of his people, seeth in a vision the fall of Babylon by the Medes and Persians. 11 Edom, scorning the prophet, is moved to repentance. 13 The set time of Arabia's calamity.*

THE burden of the desert of the sea. As ^awhirlwinds in the south pass through; *so* it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.

2 A ^egrievous vision is declared unto me; ^bthe treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. ^cGo up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

3 Therefore ^dare my loins filled with pain: ^epangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing *of it*; I was dismayed at the seeing *of it*.

4 ^eMy heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: ^fthe night of my pleasure hath he ^gturned into fear unto me.

5 ^ePrepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, *and* anoint the shield.

6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

7 ^hAnd he saw a chariot *with* a couple of horsemen, a chariot of

asses, *and* a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed:

8 And ^hhe cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the ⁱwatchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward ^jwhole nights:

9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, ^kBabylon is fallen, is fallen; and ^lall the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

10 ^mO my threshing, and the ⁿcorn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

11 ¶ ⁿThe burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.

13 ¶ ^oThe burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies ^pof Dedanim.

14 The inhabitants of the land of Tema ^qbrought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.

15 For they fled ^rfrom the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the grievousness of war.

16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, ^saccording to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of ^tKedar shall fail:

17 And the residue of the number of ^uarchers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken *it*.

CHAPTER XXII.

1 *The prophet lamenteth the invasion of Jewry by the Persians. 8 He reproveth their human wisdom and worldly joy. 15 He prophesieth Shebna's deprivation, 20 and Eliakim, prefiguring the kingdom of Christ, his substitution.*

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 714.² Or, *cried as a lion.*¹ Hab. 2. 1.³ Or, *every night.*^k Jer. 51. 8.
Rev. 14. 8.
& 18. 2.^l ch. 46. 1.
Jer. 50. 2.
& 51. 44.^m Jer. 51. 23.⁴ Heb. *son.*ⁿ 1 Chron. 1. 30.
Jer. 49. 7, 8.
Ezek. 35. 2.
Obad. 1.^o Jer. 49. 28.^p 1 Chron. 1. 9,
32.^q Or, *bring ye.*^r Or, *for fear.*
⁷ Heb. *from the face.*^s ch. 16. 14.^t Ps. 120. 5.
ch. 60. 7.^u Heb. *bow.*^a Zech. 9. 14.^e Heb. *hard.*^b ch. 33. 1.^c ch. 13. 17.
Jer. 49. 34.^d ch. 15. 5. &
16. 11.^e ch. 13. 8.^e Or, *My mind wandered.*^f Deut. 28. 67.⁷ Heb. *put.*^g Dan. 5. 5.^h ver. 9.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.^a ch. 32. 13.^a Heb. *of the bow.*^b Jer. 4. 19.
& 9. 1.^a Heb. *I will be bitter in weeping.*^c ch. 37. 3.^d Lam. 1. 5.
& 2. 2.^e Jer. 49. 35.^f ch. 15. 1.^g Heb. *made naked.*^h Heb. *the choice of thy valleys.*ⁱ Or, *toward.*^k 1 Kin. 7. 2.
& 10. 17.^l 2 Kin. 20. 20.
2 Chron. 32.
4, 5, 30.^m Neh. 3. 16.ⁿ See ch. 37. 26.^o Joel 1. 13.^p See Ezra 9. 3.
ch. 15. 2.
Mic. 1. 16.

THE burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops?

2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, ^aa joyous city: thy slain *men are* not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

3 All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound ²by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, *which* have fled from far.

4 Therefore said I, Look away from me; ^b3 I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.

5 ^cFor *it is* a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity ^dby the Lord God of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.

6 ^eAnd Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men *and* horsemen, and ^fKir ⁴uncovered the shield.

7 And it shall come to pass, *that* ⁵thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array ⁶at the gate.

8 ¶ And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour ^gof the house of the forest.

9 ^hYe have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall.

11 ⁱYe made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto ^kthe maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

12 And in that day did the Lord God of hosts ^lcall to weeping, and to mourning, and ^mto baldness, and to girding with sackcloth:

18 And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep,

eating flesh, and drinking wine: ⁿlet us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.

14 ^oAnd it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity ^pshall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord God of hosts.

15 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, *even* unto ^qShebna, ^rwhich *is* over the house, *and say,*

16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, ²as he ^sthat heweth him out a sepulchre on high, *and* that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?

17 Behold, ³the LORD will carry thee away with ⁴a mighty captivity, ^tand will surely cover thee.

18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee *like* a ball into a ⁵large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory *shall be* the shame of thy lord's house.

19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

20 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant ^uEliakim the son of Hilkiah:

21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall ^vopen, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

23 And I will fasten him *as* ⁷a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.ⁿ ch. 56. 12.
1 Cor. 15. 32.^o ch. 5. 9.^p 1 Sam. 3. 14.
Ezek. 24. 13.^q 2 Kin. 18. 37.
ch. 36. 3.^r 1 Kin. 4. 6.^s Or, *O he.*^t See 2 Sam.
18. 18.
Matt. 27. 60.^u Or, *the LORD who covered thee with an excellent covering, and clothed thee gorgeously, shall surely, &c.*
ver. 18.^v Heb. *the captivity of a man.*^w Esth. 7. 8.^x Heb. *large of spaces.*^y 2 Kin. 18. 18.^z Job 12. 14.
Rev. 3. 7.⁷ Ezra 9. 8.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^a Or,
instruments
of viols.

cir. 715.
^a Jer. 25. 22.
& 47. 4.
Ezek. 26, &
27, & 28.
Amos 1. 9.
Zech. 9. 2, 4.
^b ver. 12.
^c Heb. silent.

^e Ezek. 27. 3.

^d ch. 19. 16.

^o ch. 22. 2.

⁴ Heb. from
afar off.

^f See Ezek. 28.
2, 12.

⁵ Heb. to
pollute.

⁶ Heb. girdle.

vessels of cups, even to all the
² vessels of flagons.

25 In that day, saith the LORD of
hosts, shall the nail that is fastened
in the sure place be removed, and
be cut down, and fall; and the bur-
den that *was* upon it shall be cut
off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

CHAPTER XXIII.

1 *The miserable overthrow of Tyre.* 17 *Their
unhappy return.*

THE ^aburden of Tyre. Howl, ye
ships of Tarshish; for it is laid
waste, so that there is no house, no
entering in: ^bfrom the land of Chit-
tim it is revealed to them.

2 Be ³still, ye inhabitants of the
isle; thou whom the merchants of
Zidon, that pass over the sea, have
replenished.

3 And by great waters the seed
of Sihor, the harvest of the river,
is her revenue; and ^eshe is a mart
of nations.

4 Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for
the sea hath spoken, *even* the
strength of the sea, saying, I tra-
vail not, nor bring forth children,
neither do I nourish up young men,
nor bring up virgins.

5 ^dAs at the report concerning
Egypt, *so* shall they be sorely pained
at the report of Tyre.

6 Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl,
ye inhabitants of the isle.

7 *Is* this your ^ojoyous *city*, whose
antiquity *is* of ancient days? her
own feet shall carry her ¹afar off
to sojourn.

8 Who hath taken this counsel
against Tyre, ^fthe crowning *city*,
whose merchants *are* princes, whose
traffickers *are* the honourable of the
earth?

9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed
it, ⁵to stain the pride of all glory,
and to bring into contempt all the
honourable of the earth.

10 Pass through thy land as a
river, O daughter of Tarshish: *there*
is no more ⁶strength.

11 He stretched out his hand over
the sea, he shook the kingdoms:

the LORD hath given a command-
ment ²against ³the merchant *city*,
to destroy the ⁴strong holds there-
of.

12 And he said, ⁵Thou shalt no
more rejoice, O thou oppressed vir-
gin, daughter of Zidon: arise, ^hpass
over to Chittim; there also shalt
thou have no rest.

13 Behold the land of the Chal-
deans; this people was not, *till* the
Assyrian founded it for ⁱthem that
dwell in the wilderness: they set up
the towers thereof, they raised up
the palaces thereof; *and* he brought
it to ruin.

14 ^kHowl, ye ships of Tarshish:
for your strength is laid waste.

15 And it shall come to pass in
that day, that Tyre shall be for-
gotten seventy years, according to
the days of one king: after the end
of seventy years ⁵shall Tyre sing as
an harlot.

16 Take an harp, go about the
city, thou harlot that hast been
forgotten; make sweet melody, sing
many songs, that thou mayest be
remembered.

17 [¶] And it shall come to pass
after the end of seventy years, that
the LORD will visit Tyre, and she
shall turn to her hire, and ¹shall
commit fornication with all the
kingdoms of the world upon the
face of the earth.

18 And her merchandise and her
hire ^mshall be holiness to the LORD:
it shall not be treasured nor laid
up; for her merchandise shall be
for them that dwell before the LORD,
to eat sufficiently, and for ⁶durable
clothing.

CHAPTER XXIV.

1 *The doleful judgments of God upon the land.*
13 *A remnant shall joyfully praise him.* 16
*God in his judgments shall advance his king-
dom.*

BEHOLD, the LORD maketh
the earth empty, and maketh
it waste, and ⁷turneth it upside
down, and scattereth abroad the
inhabitants thereof.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 715.

² Or, concern-
ing a mer-
chantman.

³ Heb.
Canaan.

⁴ Or, strengths.

⁵ Rev. 18. 22.

^h ver. 1.

ⁱ Ps. 72. 9.

^k ver. 1.
Ezek. 27. 25,
30.

⁵ Heb. *it shall
be unto Tyre
as the song
of an harlot.*

¹ Rev. 17. 2.

^m Zech. 14. 20,
21.

⁶ Heb. *old*.

cir. 712.

⁷ Heb. per-
verteth the
face thereof.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.^a Or, *prince*.
^b Hos. 4. 2.
^c Ezek. 7. 12, 13.^d Heb. *the height of the people*.^e Gen. 3. 17.
Num. 35. 33.^f Mal. 4. 6.^g ch. 16. 8, 9.
Joel 1. 10, 12.^h Jer. 7. 34. & 16. 9. & 25. 10.
Ezek. 26. 13.
Hos. 2. 11.
Rev. 18. 22.ⁱ ch. 17. 5, 6.

2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the ^apriest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; ^bas with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.

4 The earth mourneth *and* fadeth away, the world languisheth *and* fadeth away, ^cthe haughty people of the earth do languish.

5 ^eThe earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore hath ^dthe curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

7 ^eThe new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merry-hearted do sigh.

8 The mirth ^fof tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.

9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.

10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

11 *There is* a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

13 ¶ When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, ^g*there shall be* as the shaking of an olive tree, *and* as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.

14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea.

15 Wherefore glorify ye the LORD

in the ^afires, *even* ^hthe name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea.

16 ¶ From the ⁱuttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, *even* glory to the righteous. But I said, ^jMy leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! ^kthe treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

17 ^kFear, and the pit, and the snare, *are* upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

18 And it shall come to pass, *that* he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for ^lthe windows from on high are open, and ^mthe foundations of the earth do shake.

19 ⁿThe earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

20 The earth shall ^oreel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall ^ppunish the host of the high ones *that are* on high, ^qand the kings of the earth upon the earth.

22 And they shall be gathered together, ^r*as* prisoners are gathered in the ^spit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be ^tvisited.

23 Then the ^umoon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall ^vreign in ^wmount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and ^xbefore his ancients gloriously.

CHAPTER XXV.

1 *The prophet praiseth God, for his judgments, 6 for his saving benefits, 9 and for his victorious salvation.*

O LORD, thou art my God; ^yI will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; ^zfor thou hast done won-

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.^a Or, *valleys*.
^b Mal. 1. 11.
^c Heb. *wing*.^d Heb. *Leanness to me, or, My secret to me*.
^e Jer. 5. 11.^f See 1 Kings 19. 17.
Jer. 48. 43, 44.
Amos 5. 19.^g Gen. 7. 11.^h Ps. 18. 7.ⁱ Jer. 4. 23.^j ch. 19. 14.^k Heb. *visit upon*.^l Ps. 76. 12.^m Heb. *with the gathering of prisoners*.ⁿ Or, *dungeon*.^o Or, *found wanting*.^p ch. 13. 10.

& 60. 19.

Ezek. 32. 7.

Joel 2. 31.

& 3. 15.

^q Rev. 19. 4, 6.^r Heb. 12. 22.^s Or, *there shall be glory before his ancients*.

cir. 712.

^t Ex. 15. 2.

Ps. 118. 28.

^u Ps. 98. 1.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.° Num. 23. 19.
° ch. 21. 9. &
23. 13.
Jer. 51. 37.

° Rev. 11. 13.

° ch. 4. 6.

° ch. 2. 2, 3.

° Prov. 9. 2.
Matt. 22. 4.
° Dan. 7. 14.
Matt. 8. 11.° Heb.
swallow up.° Heb. covered.
° 2 Cor. 3. 15.
Eph. 4. 18.° Hos. 13. 14.
1 Cor. 15. 54.
Rev. 20. 14.
& 21. 4.
° Rev. 7. 17.
& 21. 4.° Gen. 49. 18.
Titus 2. 13.

° Ps. 20. 5.

° Or, threshed.

° Or, threshed
in Mad-
menah.

° ch. 26. 5.

derful things; °thy counsels of old
are faithfulness and truth.

2 For thou hast made ° of a city an
heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a
palace of strangers to be no city; it
shall never be built.

3 Therefore shall the strong peo-
ple ° glorify thee, the city of the
terrible nations shall fear thee.

4 For thou hast been a strength to
the poor, a strength to the needy
in his distress, ° a refuge from the
storm, a shadow from the heat,
when the blast of the terrible ones
is as a storm against the wall.

5 Thou shalt bring down the noise
of strangers, as the heat in a dry
place; even the heat with the sha-
dow of a cloud: the branch of the
terrible ones shall be brought low.

6 ¶ And in ° this mountain shall
° the LORD of hosts make unto ° all
people a feast of fat things, a feast
of wines on the lees, of fat things
full of marrow, of wines on the lees
well refined.

7 And he will ° destroy in this
mountain the face of the covering
° cast over all people, and ° the veil
that is spread over all nations.

8 He will ° swallow up death in vic-
tory; and the Lord God will ° wipe
away tears from off all faces; and
the rebuke of his people shall he
take away from off all the earth:
for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 ¶ And it shall be said in that
day, Lo, this is our God; ° we have
waited for him, and he will save us:
this is the LORD; we have waited
for him, ° we will be glad and rejoice
in his salvation.

10 For in this mountain shall the
hand of the LORD rest, and Moab
shall be ° trodden down under him,
even as straw is ° trodden down for
the dunghill.

11 And he shall spread forth his
hands in the midst of them, as he
that swimmeth spreadeth forth his
hands to swim: and he shall bring
down their pride together with the
spoils of their hands.

12 And the ° fortress of the high

fort of thy walls shall he bring
down, lay low, and bring to the
ground, even to the dust.

CHAPTER XXVI.

1 A song inciting to confidence in God, 5 for
his judgments, 12 and for his favour to his
people. 20 An exhortation to wait on God.

IN ° that day shall this song be
sung in the land of Judah; We
have a strong city; ° salvation will
God appoint for walls and bul-
warks.

2 ° Open ye the gates, that the
righteous nation which keepeth the
° truth may enter in.

3 Thou wilt keep him in ° perfect
peace, whose ° mind is stayed on
thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever:
° for in the LORD JEHOVAH is
° everlasting strength:

5 ¶ For he bringeth down them
that dwell on high; ° the lofty city,
he layeth it low; he layeth it low,
even to the ground; he bringeth it
even to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down, even
the feet of the poor, and the steps
of the needy.

7 The way of the just is upright-
ness: ° thou, most upright, dost
weigh the path of the just.

8 Yea, ° in the way of thy judg-
ments, O LORD, have we waited
for thee; the desire of our soul is
to thy name, and to the remem-
brance of thee.

9 ° With my soul have I desired
thee in the night; yea, with my
spirit within me will I seek thee
early: for when thy judgments are
in the earth, the inhabitants of the
world will learn righteousness.

10 ° Let favour be shewed to the
wicked, yet will he not learn right-
eousness: in ° the land of upright-
ness will he deal unjustly, and will
not behold the majesty of the LORD.

11 LORD, when thy hand is lifted
up, ° they will not see: but they
shall see, and be ashamed for their
envy ° at the people; yea, the fire of
thine enemies shall devour them.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.cir. 712.
° ch. 2. 11.

° ch. 60. 18.

° Ps. 118. 19, 20.

° Heb. truths.

° Heb. peace,
peace,
ch. 57. 19.° Or,
thought, or,
imagination.

° ch. 45. 17.

° Heb. the rock
of ages,
Deut. 32. 4.° ch. 25. 12.
& 32. 19.

° Ps. 37. 23.

° ch. 64. 5.

° Ps. 63. 6.
Cant. 3. 1.° Eccles. 8. 12.
Rom. 2. 4.

° Ps. 143. 10.

° Job 34. 27.
Ps. 28. 5.
ch. 5. 12.° Or, toward
thy people.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.^a Or, *for us*.
^m 2 Chron. 12. 8.

12 ¶ LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works ² in us.

13 O LORD our God, ^m other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: *but* by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

14 *They are* dead, they shall not live; *they are* deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

15 Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed *it* far *unto* all the ends of the earth.

16 LORD, ⁿ in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a ³ prayer *when* thy chastening *was* upon them.

17 Like as ^o a woman with child, *that* draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, *and* crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.

18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have ^p the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 ^q Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body shall they arise. ^r Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is* as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

20 ¶ Come, my people, ^s enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were ^t for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD ^u cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her ^v blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

CHAPTER XXVII.

1 *The care of God over his vineyard.* 7 *His chastisements differ from judgments.* 12 *The church of Jews and Gentiles.*

ⁿ Hos. 5. 15.^s Heb. *secret speech*.^o ch. 13. 8.
John 16. 21.^p Ps. 17. 14.^q Ezek. 37. 1, &c.^r Dan. 12. 2.^s Ex. 12. 22, 23.^t Ps. 30. 5.
ch. 54. 7, 8.
2 Cor. 4. 17.^u Mic. 1. 3.
Judo 14.^v Heb. *bloods*.

IN that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the ² piercing serpent, ^a even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay ^b the dragon that *is* in the sea.

2 In that day ^c sing ye unto her, ^d A vineyard of red wine.

3 ^e I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Fury *is* not in me: who would set ^f the briers *and* thorns against me in battle? I would ^g go through them, I would burn them together.

5 Or let him take hold ^h of my strength, *that* he may ⁱ make peace with me; *and* he shall make peace with me.

6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob ^j to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 ¶ Hath he smitten him, ^k as he smote those that smote him? *or* is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?

8 ^k In measure, ^l when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: ^m he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind.

9 By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this *is* all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and ⁿ images shall not stand up.

10 Yet the defenced city *shall be* desolate, *and* the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: ^o there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof.

11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, *and* set them on fire: for ^p it *is* a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and ^q he that formed them will shew them no favour.

12 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall beat

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.^a Or, *crossing like a bar*.^b Ps. 74. 13, 14.^c ch. 51. 9.Ezek. 29. 3.
& 32. 2.^d ch. 5. 1.^e Ps. 80. 8.

Jer. 2. 21.

^f Ps. 121. 4, 5.^g 2 Sam. 23. 6.
ch. 9. 18.^h Or, *march against*.ⁱ ch. 25. 4.^j Job 22. 21.^k ch. 37. 31.
Hos. 14. 5, 6.^l Heb. *according to the stroke of those*.^m Job 23. 6.
Ps. 6. 1.Jer. 10. 24.
& 30. 11. &
46. 28.

1 Cor. 10. 13.

ⁿ Or, *when thou sendest it forth*.^o Or, *when he removeth it*.^p Ps. 78. 38.^q Or, *sun images*.^r See ch. 17. 2.
& 32. 14.^s Deut. 32. 28.
ch. 1. 3.
Jer. 8. 7.^t Deut. 32. 18.
ch. 43. 1, 7. &
44. 2, 21, 24.

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^p ch. 2. 11.

^a Matt. 24. 31.
Rev. 11. 15.

off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

13 ^p And it shall come to pass in that day, ^athat the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

1 *The prophet threateneth Ephraim for their pride and drunkenness.* 5 *The residue shall be advanced in the kingdom of Christ.* 7 *He rebuketh their error.* 9 *Their untowardness to learn,* 14 *and their security.* 16 *Christ the sure foundation is promised.* 18 *Their security shall be tried.* 23 *They are incited to the consideration of God's discreet providence.*

WOE to ^athe crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose ^bglorious beauty *is* a fading flower, which *are* on the head of the fat valleys of them that are ²overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, ^cwhich as a tempest of hail *and* a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 ^dThe crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden ³under feet:

4 And ^ethe glorious beauty, which *is* on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, *and* as the hasty fruit before the summer; which *when* he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he ⁴eateth it up.

5 ¶ In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,

6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

7 ¶ But they also ^fhave erred through wine, and through strong drink are

out of the way; ⁵the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment.

8 For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.

9 ¶ ^hWhom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand ²doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept ³*must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

11 For with ⁴stammering lips and another tongue ⁵will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

14 ¶ Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem.

15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: ^kfor we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

16 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation ¹a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away ^mthe refuge of lies, and the

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cir. 725.

⁸ ch. 56. 10, 12.

^h Jer. 6. 10.

⁵ Heb. *the hearing?*

³ Or, hath been.

⁴ Heb. *stammerings of lips.*

¹ 1 Cor. 14. 21.

⁵ Or, *he hath spoken.*

^k Amos 2. 4.

¹ Gen. 49. 24.
Ps. 118. 22.
Matt. 21. 42.
Acts 4. 11.
Rom. 9. 33.
& 10. 11.
Eph. 2. 20.
1 Pet. 2. 6, 7, 8.

^m ver. 15.

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^a ver. 3.

^b ver. 4.

^a Heb. *broken.*

^a ch. 30. 30.
Ezek. 13. 11.

^d ver. 1.

³ Heb. *with feet.*

^e ver. 1.

⁴ Heb. *swalloweth.*

^f Prov. 20. 1.
Hos. 4. 11.

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waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18 ¶ And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be ²trodden down by it.

19 From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only ³to understand the report.

20 For the bed is shorter than that *a man* can stretch himself *on it*: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself *in it*.

21 For the LORD shall rise up as *in* mount ^aPerazim, he shall be wroth as *in* the valley of ^oGibeon, that he may do his work, ^phis strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

22 Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts ^aa consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

23 ¶ Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.

24 Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?

25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in ⁴the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the ⁵rie in their ⁶place?

26 ⁷For his God doth instruct him to discretion, *and* doth teach him.

27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.

28 Bread *corn* is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break *it with* the wheel of his cart, nor bruise *it with* his horsemen.

29 This also cometh forth from the

LORD of hosts, ^r*which* is wonderful in counsel, *and* excellent in working.

CHAPTER XXIX.

1 *God's heavy judgment upon Jerusalem.* 7 *The unsatiableness of her enemies.* 9 *The senselessness,* 13 *and deep hypocrisy of the Jews.* 18 *A promise of sanctification to the godly.*

WOE ^{2a}to Ariel, to Ariel, ³the city ^bwhere David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them ⁴kill sacrifices.

2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

3 And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.

4 And thou shalt be brought down, *and* shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, ^cout of the ground, and thy speech shall ⁵whisper out of the dust.

5 Moreover the multitude of thy ^dstrangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones *shall be* ^eas chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be ^fat an instant suddenly.

6 ^gThou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

7 ¶ ^hAnd the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be ⁱas a dream of a night vision.

8 ^kIt shall even be as when an hungry *man* dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty *man* dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, *he is* faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

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^r Ps. 92. 5.
Jer. 32. 19.

cir. 712.

² Or, *O Ariel*, that is, *the lion of God*.

^a Ezek. 43. 15, 16.

³ Or, *of the city*.

^b 2 Sam. 5. 9.

⁴ Heb. *cut off the heads*.

^c ch. 8. 19.

^d Heb. *peep*, or, *chirp*.

^e ch. 25. 5.

^f Job 21. 18.

ch. 17. 13.

^g ch. 30. 13.

^h ch. 28. 2. & 30. 30.

ⁱ ch. 37. 36.

^j Job 20. 8.

^k Ps. 73. 20.

^a Heb. *a treading down to it*.

^b Or, when *he shall make you to understand doctrine*.

^c 2 Sam. 5. 20.
1 Chron. 14. 11.

^d Josh. 10. 10, 12.
2 Sam. 5. 25.
1 Chron. 14. 16.

^e Lam. 3. 33.

^f ch. 10. 22, 23.
Dan. 9. 27.

^g Or, *the wheat in the principal place, and barley in the appointed place*.

^h Or, *spelt*.

ⁱ Heb. *border*?

^j Or, *And he bindeth it in such sort as his God doth teach him*.

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CHRIST
cir. 712.^a Or, take your pleasure, and riot.¹ See ch. 28. 7, 8.^m ch. 51. 21.ⁿ Rom. 11. 8.^o Ps. 69. 23. ch. 6. 10.^p Heb. heads: See ch. 3. 2. Jer. 26. 8.^q 1 Sam. 9. 9.^r Or, letter.^s ch. 8. 16.^t Dan. 12. 4, 9. Rev. 5. 1,—5, 9. & 6. 1.^u Ezek. 33. 31. Matt. 15. 8, 9. Mark 7. 6, 7.^v Col. 2. 22.^w Hab. 1. 5.^x Heb. I will add.^y Jer. 49. 7. Obad. 8. 1 Cor. 1. 19.^z ch. 30. 1.^a Ps. 94. 7.^b ch. 45. 9. Rom. 9. 20.^c ch. 32. 15.^d ch. 35. 5.

9 ¶ Stay yourselves, and wonder; ^acry ye out, and cry: ¹they are drunken, ^mbut not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

10 For ⁿthe LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath ^oclosed your eyes: the prophets and your ³rulers, ^pthe seers hath he covered.

11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a ^q'book' that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: ^rand he saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed:

12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

13 ¶ Wherefore the Lord said, ^s'Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by ^t'the precept of men:

14 ^u'Therefore, behold, ^v'I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder: ^w'for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid.

15 ^y'Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and ^z'they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the ^a'work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

17 *Is* it not yet a very little while, and ^b'Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?

18 ¶ And ^c'in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

19 ^d'The meek also ^e'shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, and ^f'the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and ^g'the scorner is consumed, and all that ^h'watch for iniquity are cut off:

21 That make a man an offender for a word, and ⁱ'lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just ^j'for a thing of nought.

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, ^k'who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

23 But when he seeth his children, ^l'the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

24 They also ^m'that erred in spirit ⁿ'shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

CHAPTER XXX.

¹ The prophet threateneth the people for their confidence in Egypt, 8 and contempt of God's word. 18 God's mercies towards his church. 27 God's wrath, and the people's joy, in the destruction of Assyria.

WOE to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, ^a'that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, ^b'that they may add sin to sin:

2 ^c'That walk to go down into Egypt, and ^d'have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

3 ^e'Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt *your* confusion.

4 For his princes were at ^f'Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.

5 ^g'They were all ashamed of a people *that* could not profit them,

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cir. 712.^d ch. 61. 1.^e Heb. shall add.^f Jam. 2. 5.^g ch. 28. 14, 22.^h Mic. 2. 1.ⁱ Amos 5. 10, 12.^j Prov. 28. 21.^k Josh. 24. 3.^l ch. 19. 25. & 45. 11. & 60. 21. Eph. 2. 10.^m ch. 28. 7.ⁿ Heb. shall know understanding.

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^a ch. 29. 15.^b Deut. 29. 19.^c ch. 31. 1.^d Num. 27. 21. Josh. 8. 14. 1 Kin. 22. 7. Jer. 21. 2. & 42. 2, 20.^e ch. 20. 5. Jer. 37. 5, 7.^f ch. 19. 11.^g Jer. 2. 36.

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^h ch. 57. 9.
Hos. 8. 9. &
12. 1.

ⁱ Deut. 8. 15.

^k Jer. 37. 7.

^a Or, to her.
^l ver. 15.
ch. 7. 4.

^m Hab. 2. 2.

ⁿ Heb. the
latter day.

ⁿ Deut. 32. 20.
ch. 1. 4.
ver. 1.

^o Jer. 11. 21.
Amos 2. 12.
& 7. 13.
Mic. 2. 6.
^p 1 Kin. 22. 13.
Mic. 2. 11.

^q Or, fraud.

^q Ps. 62. 3.

^r ch. 29. 5.

^s Ps. 2. 9.
Jer. 19. 11.
^t Heb.
the bottle of
potters.

^u ver. 7.
ch. 7. 4.

^v Matt. 23. 37.

nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

6 ^h The burden of the beasts of the south : into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence *come* the young and old lion, ⁱ the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people *that* shall not profit *them*.

7 ^k For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose : therefore have I cried ^l concerning this, ^l Their strength *is* to sit still.

8 ¶ Now go, ^m write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for ⁿ the time to come for ever and ever :

9 That ⁿ this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD :

10 ^o Which say to the seers, See not ; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, ^p speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits :

11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in ^q oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon :

13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you ^r as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking ^r cometh suddenly at an instant.

14 And ^s he shall break it as the breaking of ^t the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces ; he shall not spare : so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water *withal* out of the pit.

15 For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel ; ^u In returning and rest shall ye be saved ; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength : ^v and ye would not.

16 But ye said, No ; for we will flee upon horses ; therefore shall ye

flee : and, We will ride upon the swift ; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

17 ^x One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one ; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee : till ye be left as ^y a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.

18 ¶ And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you : for the LORD *is* a God of judgment : ^y blessed *are* all they that wait for him.

19 For the people ^z shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem : thou shalt weep no more : he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry ; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

20 And *though* the Lord give you ^a the bread of adversity, and the water of ^a affliction, yet shall not ^b thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers :

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye ^c turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

22 ^d Ye shall defile also the covering of ^d thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold : thou shalt ^e cast them away as a menstruous cloth ; ^e thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

23 ^f Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal ; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous : in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures.

24 The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat ^g clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.

25 And there shall be ^h upon every high mountain, and upon every ^h high hill, rivers *and* streams of

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^x Lev. 26. 8.
Deut. 28. 25.
& 32. 30.
Josh. 23. 10.

^y Or, a tree bereft of branches, or, boughs : or, a mast.

^y Ps. 2. 12.
& 34. 8.
Prov. 16. 20.
Jer. 17. 7.

^z ch. 65. 9.

^a 1 Kin. 22. 27.
Ps. 127. 2.

^b Or, oppression.
^b Ps. 74. 9.
Amos 8. 11.

^c Josh. 1. 7.

^d 2 Chron. 31. 1.
ch. 2. 20. &
31. 7.

^e Heb. the graven images of thy silver.

^e Heb. scatter.
^e Hos. 14. 8.

^f Matt. 6. 33.
1 Tim. 4. 8.

^g Or, savoury.
^g Heb. leavened.

^h ch. 2. 14, 15.
& 44. 3.

^h Heb. lifted up.

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cir. 713.

^h ch. 60. 19, 20.

^a Or, and the
grievousness
of fame.

^b Heb.
heaviness.

ⁱ ch. 11. 4.
² Thessa. 2. 8.
^k ch. 8. 8.

^l ch. 37. 29.

^m Ps. 42. 4.

ⁿ ch. 2. 3.
^a Heb. Rock,
Deut. 32. 4.
^c ch. 29. 6.
^b Heb. the
glory of his
voice.

^p ch. 28. 2. &
32. 19.
^q ch. 37. 36.

^r ch. 10. 5, 24.

^s Heb. every
passing of
the rod
founded.
^t Heb. cause
to rest upon
him.

^u ch. 11. 15.
& 19. 16.
^v Or, against
them.

^w Jer. 7. 31. &
19. 6, &c.
^x Heb. from
yesterday.

waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

26 Moreover ^hthe light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be seven-fold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

27 ¶ Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning *with* his anger, ²and the burden *thereof* is ³heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:

28 And ⁱhis breath, as an overflowing stream, ^kshall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and *there shall be* ^la bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to err.

29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night ^mwhen a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into ⁿthe mountain of the LORD, to the ⁴mighty One of Israel.

30 ^oAnd the LORD shall cause ⁵his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and *with* the flame of a devouring fire, *with* scattering, and tempest, ^pand hailstones.

31 For ^qthrough the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, ^rwhich smote with a rod.

32 And ^sin every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which the LORD shall ⁷lay upon him, *it* shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of ^ashaking will he fight ⁸with it.

33 ^tFor Tophet *is* ordained ⁹of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made *it* deep *and* large: the pile thereof *is* fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

CHAPTER XXXI.

1 The prophet sheweth the cursed folly in trusting to Egypt, and forsaking of God. 6 He exhorteth to conversion. 8 He sheweth the fall of Assyria.

WOE to them ^athat go down to Egypt for help; and ^bstay on horses, and trust in chariots, because *they are* many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, ^cneither seek the LORD!

2 Yet he also *is* wise, and will bring evil, and ^dwill not ²call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.

3 Now the Egyptians *are* ^emen, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

4 For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, ^fLike as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, *he* will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the ³noise of them: ^gso shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

5 ^hAs birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; ⁱdefending also he will deliver *it*; *and* passing over he will preserve *it*.

6 ¶ Turn ye unto *him* from whom the children of Israel have ^kdeeply revolted.

7 For in that day every man shall ¹cast away his idols of silver, and ⁴his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you *for* ^ma sin.

8 ¶ Then shall the Assyrian ⁿfall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee ⁵from the sword, and his young men shall be ^{6 7}discomfited.

9 And ^ohe shall pass over to ⁹his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire *is* in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

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^a ch. 30. 2.
& 36. 6.
Ezek. 17. 15.
^b Ps. 20. 7.
ch. 36. 9.
^c Dan. 9. 13.
Hos. 7. 7.

^d Num. 23. 19.
^e Heb. remove.

^f Ps. 146. 3, 5.

^g Hos. 11. 10.
Amos 3. 8.

^h Or,
multitude.
ⁱ ch. 42. 13.

^j Dent. 32. 11.
Ps. 91. 4.
^k Ps. 37. 40.

^l Hos. 9. 9.

^m ch. 2. 20. &
30. 22.
ⁿ Heb. the
idols of his
gold.

^o 1 Kin. 12. 30.
^p See 2 Kings
19. 35, 36.
ch. 37. 36.

^q Or, for fear
of the sword.
^r Or, tributary.

^s Heb. for
making, or,
tribute.

^t ch. 37. 37.

^u Heb. his
rock shall
pass away
for fear.

^v Or, his
strength.

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CHAPTER XXXII.

1 *The blessings of Christ's kingdom.* 9 *Desolation is foreseen.* 15 *Restoration is promised to succeed.*

BEHOLD, ^aa king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and ^ba covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a ²great rock in a weary land.

3 And ^cthe eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.

4 The heart also of the ³rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak ⁴plainly.

5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

6 For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 The instruments also of the churl *are* evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even ⁵when the needy speaketh right.

8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he ⁶stand.

9 ¶ Rise up, ye women ^dthat are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.

10 ⁷Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird *sackcloth* upon *your* loins.

12 They shall lament for the teats, for ⁸the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 ^eUpon the land of my people

shall come up thorns *and* briers; ²yea, upon all the houses of joy in ^fthe joyous city:

14 ^gBecause the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the ³forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

15 Until ^hthe spirit be poured upon us from on high, and ⁱthe wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

17 ^kAnd the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

19 ^lWhen it shall hail, coming down ^mon the forest; ⁴and the city shall be low in a low place.

20 Blessed *are* ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth *thither* the feet of ⁿthe ox and the ass.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

1 *God's judgments against the enemies of the church.* 13 *The privileges of the godly.*

WOE to thee ^athat spoilest, and thou *wast* not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! ^bwhen thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; *and* when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; ^cwe have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.

4 And your spoil shall be gathered *like* the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

5 ^dThe LORD is exalted; for he

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^g Or, *burning upon, &c.*

^f ch. 22. 2.

^h ch. 27. 10.

ⁱ Or, *cliffs and watchtowers.*

^j Ps. 104. 30.

Joel 2. 28.

^k ch. 29. 17.

& 35. 2.

^l Jam. 3. 18.

^m ch. 30. 30.

ⁿ Zech. 11. 2.

^o Or, *and the city shall be utterly abased.*

^p ch. 30. 24.

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^q ch. 21. 2.

Hab. 2. 8.

^r Rev. 13. 10.

^s ch. 25. 9.

^t Ps. 97. 9.

^a Ps. 45. 1, &c.
Jer. 23. 5.
Hos. 3. 5.
Zech. 9. 9.

^b ch. 4. 6. &
25. 4.

^c Heb. *heavy.*

^d ch. 29. 18. &
35. 5, 6.

^e Heb. *hasty.*

^f Or, *elegantly.*

^g Or, *when he speaketh against the poor in judgment.*

^h Or, *be established.*
ⁱ Amos 6. 1.

^j Heb. *Days above a year.*

^k Heb. *the fields of desire.*
^l ch. 34. 13.
Hos. 9. 6.

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^a Heb.
salvations.

^b Or,
messengers.
^c 2 Kin. 18. 18,
37.

^d Judg. 5. 6.

^e 2 Kin. 18. 14,
15, 16, 17.

^f ch. 24. 4.

^g Or, withered
away.

^h Ps. 12. 5.

ⁱ Ps. 7. 14.
ch. 59. 4.

^j ch. 9. 18.

^k ch. 49. 1.

^l Ps. 15. 2. &
24. 4.

^m Heb. in right-
eousnesses.

ⁿ Heb. up-
rightnesses.

^o Or, deceptions.

^p Heb. bloods.

^q Ps. 119. 37.

^r Heb. heights,
or, high
places.

^s Heb. the
land of far
distances.

^t 1 Cor. 1. 20.

dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of ^asalvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

7 Behold, their ^bvaliant ones shall cry without: ^cthe ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

8 ^dThe highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: ^ehe hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.

9 ^fThe earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and ^ghewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off *their fruits*.

10 ^hNow will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

11 ⁱYe shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, *as* fire, shall devour you.

12 And the people shall be *as* the burnings of lime: ^jas thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.

13 ^kHear, ^lye *that are* far off, what I have done; and, ye *that are* near, acknowledge my might.

14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

15 He that ^mwalketh ⁿrighteously, and speaketh ^ouprightly; he that despiseth the gain of ^poppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of ^qblood, and ^rshut-teth his eyes from seeing evil;

16 He shall dwell on ^shigh: his place of defence *shall be* the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters *shall be* sure.

17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold ^tthe land that is very far off.

18 Thine heart shall meditate terror. ^uWhere *is* the scribe? where

is the ^vreceiver? where *is* he that counted the towers?

19 ^wThou shalt not see a fierce people, ^xa people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a ^ystammering tongue, *that thou canst* not understand.

20 ^zLook upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see ^{aa}Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down; ^{ab}not one of ^{ac}the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

21 But there the glorious LORD *will be* unto us a place ^{ad}of broad rivers *and* streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

22 For the LORD *is* our judge, the LORD *is* our ^{ae}lawgiver, ^{af}the LORD *is* our king; he will save us.

23 ^{ag}Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then *is* the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey.

24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: ^{ah}the people that dwell therein *shall be* forgiven *their* iniquity.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

1 *The judgments wherewith God revengeth his church.* 11 *The desolation of her enemies.* 16 *The certainty of the prophecy.*

^{ai}**C**OME near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: ^{aj}let the earth hear, and ^{ak}all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2 For the indignation of the LORD *is* upon all nations, and *his* fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and ^{al}their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4 And ^{am}all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be ^{an}rolled together as a scroll: ^{ao}and

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^{ap} Heb.
weigher?
^{aq} 2 Kin. 19. 32.
^{ar} Deut. 28. 49,
50. Jer. 5. 15.

^{as} Or,
ridiculous.
^{at} Ps. 48. 12.

^{au} Ps. 46. 5. &
125. 1, 2.

^{av} ch. 37. 33.
^{aw} ch. 54. 2.

^{ax} Heb. broad
of spaces, or,
hands.

^{ay} Jam. 4. 12.
^{az} Heb. statute-
maker.

^{ba} Ps. 89. 18.

^{bb} Or, *They*
have forsaken
thy tacklings.

^{bc} Jer. 50. 20.

^{bd} Ps. 49. 1.

^{be} Deut. 32. 1.

^{bf} Heb.
the fulness
thereof.

^{bg} Joel 2. 20.

^{bh} Ps. 102. 26.
Ezek. 32. 7, 8.
Joel 2. 31.
& 3. 15.

^{bi} Matt. 24. 29.
2 Pet. 3. 10.

^{bj} Rev. 6. 14.
^{bk} ch. 14. 12.

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⁶ Rev. 6. 13.
^h Jer. 46. 10.
ⁱ Jer. 49. 7, &c.
Mal. 1. 4.

^k ch. 63. 1.
Jer. 49. 13.
Zeph. 1. 7.

⁸ Or,
rhinoceros.

⁹ Or, *drunken.*

¹ ch. 63. 4.

^m See Deut.
29. 23.

ⁿ Rev. 14. 11.
& 18. 18. &
19. 3.

^o Mal. 1. 4.

^p ch. 14. 23.
Zeph. 2. 14.
Rev. 18. 2.

^q Or, *pelican.*

^q 2 Kin. 21. 13.
Lam. 2. 8.

^r ch. 32. 13.
Hos. 9. 6.

^s ch. 13. 21, &c.

⁵ Or, *ostriches.*

⁶ Heb.
*daughters of
the owl.*

⁷ Heb. *Zim.*

⁸ Heb. *Ijim.*

⁹ Or, *night
monster.*

all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a ⁸ falling *fig* from the fig tree.

5 For ^h my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it ⁱ shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, *and* with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for ^k the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7 And the ² unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be ³ soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

8 For *it is* the day of the LORD's ¹ vengeance, *and* the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

9 ^m And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; ⁿ the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: ^o from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

11 ¶ ^p But the ⁴ cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and ^q he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none *shall be* there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

18 And ^r thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and ^s it shall be an habitation of dragons, *and* a court for ⁵⁶ owls.

14 ⁷ The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with ⁸ the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the ⁹ screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

16 ¶ Seek ye out of ^t the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

CHAPTER XXXV.

1 *The joyful flourishing of Christ's kingdom.*

3 *The weak are encouraged by the virtues and privileges of the gospel.*

THE ^a wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 ^b It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.

3 ¶ ^c Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them *that are* of a ² fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you.

5 Then the ^d eyes of the blind shall be opened, and ^e the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then shall the ^f lame man leap as an hart, and the ^g tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall ^h waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in ⁱ the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* ³ grass with reeds and rushes.

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called

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^t Mal. 3. 16.

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^a ch. 55. 12.

^b ch. 32. 15.

^c Job 4. 3, 4.
Hebr. 12. 12.

^d Heb. *hasty.*

^e ch. 29. 18.
& 32. 3, 4.
& 42. 7.
Matt. 9. 27,
&c. & 11. 5.
& 12. 22. &
20. 30, &c.
& 21. 14.
John 9. 6, 7.

^f Matt. 11. 5.
Mark 7. 32,
&c.

^g Matt. 11. 5.
& 15. 30. &
21. 14.
John 5. 8, 9.
Acts 3. 2, &c.
& 8. 7. &
14. 8, &c.

^h ch. 32. 4.
Matt. 9. 32,
33. & 12. 22.
& 15. 30.

ⁱ ch. 41. 18.
& 43. 19.
John 7. 38, 39.

^j ch. 34. 13.
^k Or, *a court
for reeds, &c.*

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^k ch. 52. 1.
Joel 3. 17.
Rev. 21. 27.
^a Or, *for he shall be with them.*
^l Lev. 26. 6.
ch. 11. 9.
Ezek. 34. 25.
^m ch. 51. 11.

ⁿ ch. 25. 8. &
65. 19.
Rev. 7. 17.
& 21. 4.

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^a 2 Kin. 18. 13,
17. 2 Chron.
32. 1.

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^s Or, *secretary.*

^b 2 Kin. 18. 19,
&c.

⁴ Heb. *a word of lips.*

⁵ Or, *but counsel and strength are for the war.*

⁶ Ezek. 29. 6, 7.

The way of holiness; ^kthe unclean shall not pass over it; ²but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

9 ¹No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*:

10 And the ^mransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and ⁿsorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

1 *Sennacherib invadeth Judah.* 4 *Rabshakeh, sent by Sennacherib, by blasphemous persuasions soliciteth the people to revolt.* 22 *His words are told to Hezekiah.*

NOW ^ait came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, *that* Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defended cities of Judah, and took them.

2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiyah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the ³scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder.

4 ¶ ^bAnd Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest?

5 I say, *sayest thou*, (but *they are but* ⁴vain words) ⁵*I have* counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

6 Lo, thou trustest in the ⁶staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.

7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is it* not he,

whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?

8 Now therefore give ²pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10 And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? the LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

11 ¶ Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand *it*: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.

12 ¶ But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? *hath he not sent me* to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?

13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.

15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16 Harken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria,

³*Make an agreement with me by* a present, and come out to me:

⁴and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern;

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² Or, *hostages.*

³ Or, *Seek my favour by a present.*

⁴ Heb. *Make with me a blessing.*

⁵ Zech. 3. 10.

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17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 *Beware* lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

20 Who *are they* among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

22 ¶ Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

1 *Hezekiah mourning sendeth to Isaiah to pray for them. 6 Isaiah comforteth them. 8 Sennacherib, going to encounter Tirhakah, sendeth a blasphemous letter to Hezekiah. 14 Hezekiah's prayer. 21 Isaiah's prophecy of the pride and destruction of Sennacherib, and the good of Zion. 36 An angel slayeth the Assyrians. 37 Sennacherib is slain at Nineveh by his own sons.*

AND ^ait came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

8 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of ^ablasphemy: for the children are

come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that is ²left.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 ¶ And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will ³send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 ¶ So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard *it*, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Telassar?

13 Where *is* the king of ^bHamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

14 ¶ And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah

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^a Heb. *found*.

^a Or, *put a spirit into him*.

^a 2 Kin. 19. 1, &c.

^a Or, *provocation*.

^b Jer. 49. 23.

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went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying,

16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou *art* the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

^a Dan. 9. 18.

17 ^aIncline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God.

^b Heb. *lands*.

18 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the ^bna- tions, and their countries,

^c Heb. *given*.

19 And have ^ccast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD, *even* thou only.

21 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of As- syria:

22 This *is* the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Je- rusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Israel.

^d Heb. *By the hand of thy servants.*

24 ^dBy thy servants hast thou re- proached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the moun- tains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down ^ethe tall cedars thereof, *and* the choice fir trees

^e Heb. *the tallness of the cedars thereof, and the choice of the fir trees thereof.*

thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, *and* ²the forest of his Carmel.

25 I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the ³be- sieged places.

26 ⁴Hast thou not heard long ago, *how* I have done it; *and* of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

27 Therefore their inhabitants *were* ⁵of small power, they were dismay- ed and confounded: they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops, and *as* corn blasted be- fore it be grown up.

28 But I know thy ⁶abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore ^dwill I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

30 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

31 And ⁷the remnant that is es- caped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and ⁸they that es- cape out of mount Zion: the ⁹zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

33 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with ⁹shields, nor cast a bank against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

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² Or, *the forest and his fruitful field.*

³ Or, *fenced and closed.*

⁴ Or, *Hast thou not heard how I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? should I now bring it to be laid waste, and defenced cities to be ruinous heaps? as 2 Kin. 19. 25.*
⁵ Heb. *short of hand.*

⁶ Or, *sitting.*

^d ch. 30. 28. Ezek. 38. 4.

⁷ Heb. *the escaping of the house of Judah that remaineth.*

⁸ Heb. *the escaping.*
⁹ 2 Kin. 19. 31. ch. 9. 7.

⁹ Heb. *shield.*

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710.^f 2 Kin. 20. 6.
ch. 38. 6.
^g 2 Kin. 19. 35.

35 For I will ^fdefend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

36 Then the ^gangel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

37 ¶ So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of ^hArmenia: and Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

^h Heb. Ararat.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

1 *Hezekiah, having received a message of death, by prayer hath his life lengthened. 8 The sun goeth ten degrees backward, for a sign of that promise. 9 His song of thanksgiving.*

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^a 2 Kin. 20. 1,
&c. 2 Chron.
32. 24.^b 2 Sam. 17. 23.^c Heb.
*Give charge
concerning
thy house.*

IN ^athose days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, ^b³Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,

^c Neh. 13. 14.

3 And said, ^cRemember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept ^dsore.

^d Heb.
*with great
weeping.*

4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,

5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

^e ch. 37. 35.

6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and ^eI will defend this city.

7 And this *shall be* ^aa sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the ²sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

9 ¶ The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:

10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, *even* the LORD, ^fin the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

^f Ps. 27. 13.
& 116. 9.

12 ^gMine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off ^hwith pining sickness: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

^g Job 7. 6.^h Or, *from the
thrum.*

13 I reckoned till morning, *that*, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

14 Like a crane *or* a swallow, so did I chatter: ⁱI did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail *with looking* upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; ^jundertake for me.

ⁱ ch. 59. 11.^j Or, *ease me.*

15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done *it*: I shall go softly all my years ^kin the bitterness of my soul.

^k Job 7. 11.
& 10. 1.

16 O Lord, by these *things men* live, and in all these *things is* the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

17 Behold, ^lfor peace I had great bitterness: but ^mthou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

^l Or, *on
my peace
came great
bitterness.*^m Heb. *thou
hast loved
my soul from
the pit.*

18 For ⁿthe grave cannot praise thee, death can *not* celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

ⁿ Ps. 6. 5.
& 30. 9. &
88. 11. &
115. 17.
Eccles. 9. 10.BEFORE
CHRIST
713.^o 2 Kin. 20. 8,
&c. ch. 7. 11.^p Heb. *degrees
by, or, with
the sun.*

BEFORE
CHRIST
713.¹ Deut. 4. 9.
& 6. 7.
Ps. 78. 3, 4.^m 2 Kin. 20. 7.ⁿ 2 Kin. 20. 8.cir. 712.
^a 2 Kin. 20. 12,
&c.^b 2 Chron. 32.
31.^a Or, *spicery*.^a Or, *jewels*.
^b Heb. *vessels*,
or, *instru-*
ments.

712.

^c Jer. 20. 5.

* 19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day: ¹the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

20 The LORD *was ready* to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

21 For ^mIsaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay *it* for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover.

22 ⁿHezekiah also had said, What *is* the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

CHAPTER XXXIX.

¹ Merodach-baladan, sending to visit Hezekiah because of the wonder, hath notice of his treasures. ³ Isaiah, understanding thereof, foretelleth the Babylonian captivity.

AT ^athat time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

2 ^bAnd Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his ²precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his ³⁴armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

3 ¶ Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, *even* from Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:

6 Behold, the days come, ^cthat all

that *is* in thine house, and *that* which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and ²they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, ^dGood *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

CHAPTER XL.

¹ The promulgation of the gospel. ³ The preaching of John Baptist. ⁹ The preaching of the apostles. ¹² The prophet by the omnipotency of God, ¹⁸ and his incomparableness, ²⁶ comforteth the people.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye ³comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her ⁴warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: ^afor she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

3 ¶ ^bThe voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, ^cPrepare ye the way of the LORD, ^dmake straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: ^eand the crooked shall be made ⁵straight, and the rough places ⁶plain:

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? ^fAll flesh *is* grass, and all the goodness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:

7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because ^gthe spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but ^hthe word of our God shall stand for ever.

BEFORE
CHRIST
712.² Fulfilled,
Dan. 1. 2, 3, 7.^d 1 Sam. 3. 18.

cir. 712.

³ Heb. *to the heart*.⁴ Or, *appointed time*.
^a See Job 42. 10.
ch. 61. 7.^b Matt. 3. 3.
Mark 1. 3.
Luke 3. 4.
John 1. 23.
^c Mal. 3. 1.
^d Ps. 68. 4.
ch. 49. 11.^e ch. 45. 2.⁵ Or, *a straight place*.⁶ Or, *a plain place*.^f Job 14. 2.
Ps. 90. 5.
& 102. 11.
& 103. 15.
Jam. 1. 10.
1 Pet. 1. 24.
^g Ps. 103. 16.^h John 12. 34.
1 Pet. 1. 25.

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^a Or, *O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion*, ch. 41. 27. & 52. 7.

^b Or, *O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem*.

^c Or, *against the strong*.

^d ch. 59. 16.

^e ch. 62. 11. Rev. 22. 12.

^f Or, *recompence for his work*, ch. 49. 4.

^g ch. 49. 10. Ezek. 34. 23. & 37. 24.

^h John 10. 11. Hebr. 13. 20.

ⁱ 1 Pet. 2. 25. & 5. 4.

^j Rev. 7. 17.

^k Or, *that give suck*.

^l Prov. 30. 4.

^m Heb. *a tierce*.

ⁿ Job 21. 22. & 36. 22, 23.

^o Rom. 11. 34. 1 Cor. 2. 16.

^p Heb. *man of his counsel*.

^q Heb. *made him understand*.

^r Heb. *understandings*?

^s Dan. 4. 35.

^t Ps. 62. 9.

^u ver. 25. ch. 46. 5. Acts 17. 29.

^v ch. 41. 6, 7. & 44. 12, &c. Jer. 10. 3, &c.

^w Heb. *is poor of oblation*.

9 ¶ ^aO Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; ^bO Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

10 Behold, the Lord God will come ^cwith strong *hand*, and ^dhis arm shall rule for him: behold, ^ehis reward *is* with him, and ^fhis work before him.

11 He shall ^gfeed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those ^hthat are with young.

12 ¶ ⁱWho hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in ^ja measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13 ^kWho hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or *being* ^lhis counselor hath taught him?

14 With whom took he counsel, and *who* ^minstructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of ⁿunderstanding?

15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.

17 All nations before him *are* as ^onothing; and ^pthey are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

18 ¶ To whom then will ye ^qliken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

19 ^rThe workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.

20 He that ^s*is* so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree

that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman ^tto prepare a graven image, *that* shall not be moved.

21 ^uHave ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 ^v*It is* he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; that ^wstretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

23 That bringeth the ^xprinces to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

25 ^yTo whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*, that bringeth out their host by number: ^zhe calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

28 ¶ Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? ^{aa}*there is* no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the Lord ^{bb}shall ^{cc}renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

^{ch. 41. 7.}

^{Jer. 10. 4.}

^{Ps. 19. 1.}

^{Acts 14. 17.}

^{Rom. 1. 19, 20.}

^{Or, Him that sitteth, &c.}

^{Job 9. 8.}

^{Ps. 104. 2.}

^{ch. 42. 5.}

^{& 44. 24.}

^{& 51. 13.}

^{Jer. 10. 12.}

^{Job 12. 21.}

^{Ps. 107. 40.}

^{ver. 18.}

^{Deut. 4. 15, &c.}

^{Ps. 147. 4.}

^{Ps. 147. 5.}

^{Rom. 11. 33.}

^{Ps. 103. 5.}

^{Heb. change.}

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eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

CHAPTER XLI.

¹ God expostulateth with his people, about his mercies to the church, ¹⁰ about his promises, ²¹ and about the vanity of idols.

^a Zech. 2. 13.

^a **K**EEP silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew *their* strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

^a Heb. right-
eousness.
^b ch. 46. 11.
^c See Gen. 14.
14, &c.
ver. 25.
ch. 45. 1.

² Who raised up ² the righteous man ^b from the cast, called him to his foot, ^c gave the nations before him, and made *him* rule over kings? he gave *them* as the dust to his sword, *and* as driven stubble to his bow.

^a Heb. in peace.

³ He pursued them, *and* passed ³ safely; *even* by the way *that* he had not gone with his feet.

^d ver. 26.
ch. 44. 7.
& 46. 10.
^e ch. 43. 10. &
44. 6. & 48. 12.
Rev. 1. 17.
& 22. 13.

⁴ ^d Who hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the ^e first, and with the last; I *am* he.

⁵ The isles saw *it*, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

^f ch. 40. 19.
& 44. 12.

⁶ ^f They helped every one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother, ⁴ Be of good courage.

^g Heb. Be
strong.
^h ch. 40. 19.
ⁱ Or, founder.
^j Or, the
smiting.
^k Or, saying of
the soder, It
is good.
^l ch. 40. 20.

⁷ ^g So the carpenter encouraged the ⁵ goldsmith, *and* he that smootheth *with* the hammer ^h him that smote the anvil, ⁷ saying, It *is* ready for the sodering: and he fastened it with nails, ^h *that* it should not be moved.

ⁱ Deut. 7. 6. &
10. 15. & 14. 2.
Ps. 135. 4.
ch. 43. 1.
& 44. 1.
^k 2 Chron. 20. 7.
Jam. 2. 23.

⁸ But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob whom I have ⁱ chosen, the seed of Abraham my ^k friend.

⁹ *Thou* whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

^l ver. 13, 14.
ch. 43. 5.
^m Deut. 31. 6, 8.

¹⁰ ¶ ^l Fear thou not; ^m for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea,

I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

¹¹ Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ⁿ a-shamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and ² they that strive with thee shall perish.

¹² Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* ³ them that contended with thee: ⁴ they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

¹³ For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, ^o Fear not; I will help thee.

¹⁴ Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and* ye ⁵ men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵ Behold, ^p I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having ⁶ teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

¹⁶ Thou shalt ^q fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, *and* ^r shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁷ *When* the poor and needy seek water, and *there is* none, *and* their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, *I* the God of Israel will not forsake them.

¹⁸ I will open ^a rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the ⁴ wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

¹⁹ I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, *and* the pine, and the box tree together:

²⁰ ^u That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

²¹ ⁷ Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong *rea-*
sons, saith the King of Jacob.

²² ^a Let them bring *them* forth, and

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cir. 712.

ⁿ Ex. 23. 22.
ch. 45. 24.
& 60. 12.
Zech. 12. 3.

² Heb. the men
of thy strife.

³ Heb. the men
of thy con-
tention.

⁴ Heb. the men
of thy war.

^o ver. 10.

⁵ Or, few men.

^p Mic. 4. 13.
2 Cor. 10. 4, 5.

⁶ Heb. mouths.

^q Jer. 51. 2.

^r ch. 45. 25.

^a ch. 35. 6, 7.
& 43. 19.
& 44. 3.

⁴ Ps. 107. 35.

^u Job 12. 9.

⁷ Heb. Cause
to come near.

^a ch. 45. 21.

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² Heb. *set our heart upon them.*

⁷ ch. 42. 9.
& 44. 7, 8.
& 46. 3.
John 13. 19.
⁸ Jer. 10. 5.

⁹ Ps. 115. 8.
ch. 44. 9.
1 Cor. 8. 4.
⁸ Or, worse
than nothing.
⁴ Or, worse than
of a viper.

¹ Ezra 1. 2.
⁹ ver. 2.

¹ ch. 43. 9.

⁹ ver. 4.
⁷ ch. 40. 9.

⁸ ch. 63. 5.

⁸ Heb. *return.*

¹ ver. 24.

shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they *be*, that we may ²consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

23 ⁷ Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye *are* gods: yea, ²do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold *it* together.

24 Behold, ⁹ye *are* ³of nothing, and your work ⁴of nought: an abomination *is he that* chooseth you.

25 I have raised up *one* from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun ¹shall he call upon my name: ⁹and he shall come upon princes as *upon* mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.

26 ¹Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He is* righteous? yea, *there is* none that sheweth, yea, *there is* none that declareth, yea, *there is* none that heareth your words.

27 ⁹The first ⁷*shall say* to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

28 ⁸For I beheld, and *there was* no man; even among them, and *there was* no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could ⁵answer a word.

29 ¹Behold, they *are* all vanity; their works *are* nothing: their molten images *are* wind and confusion.

CHAPTER XLII.

¹ The office of Christ, graced with meekness and constancy. ⁵ God's promise unto him. ¹⁰ An exhortation to praise God for his gospel. ¹⁷ He reproveth the people of incredulity.

BEHOLD ⁹my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul ¹delighteth; ⁹I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the ²smoking flax shall he not ³quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4 He shall not fail nor be ⁴discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: ⁴and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 ¶ Thus saith God the LORD, ⁹he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; ⁷he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; ⁸he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6 ¹I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, ¹and give thee for a covenant of the people, for ¹a light of the Gentiles;

7 ¹To open the blind eyes, to ¹bring out the prisoners from the prison, ¹and ¹them that sit in ¹darkness out of the prison house.

8 I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name; and my ⁹glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 ¹Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ¹ye that go down to the sea, and ⁵all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages *that* Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.

13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, ⁷yea, roar; he shall ⁶prevail against his enemies.

14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, *and* restrained myself: *now* will I cry like

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

² Or, *dimly burning.*

³ Heb. *quench it.*
⁴ Heb. *broken.*
⁴ Gen. 49. 10.

⁹ ch. 44. 24.
Zech. 12. 1.
⁷ Ps. 136. 6.

⁸ Acts 17. 25.

¹ ch. 43. 1.

¹ ch. 49. 8.

¹ ch. 49. 6.
Luke 2. 32.
Acts 13. 47.

¹ ch. 35. 5.
¹ ch. 61. 1.
Luke 4. 18.
2 Tim. 2. 26.
Hebr. 2. 14, 15.

¹ ch. 9. 2.
⁹ ch. 48. 11.

⁹ Ps. 33. 3. &
40. 3. & 98. 1.

⁹ Ps. 107. 23.

⁵ Heb. *the fulness thereof.*

⁷ ch. 31. 4.

⁶ Or, *behave himself mightily.*

cir. 712.
⁹ ch. 43. 10.
& 49. 3, 6.
& 52. 13.
& 53. 11.
Matt. 12. 18,
19, 20.
Phil. 2. 7.
¹ Matt. 3. 17.
& 17. 5.
Eph. 1. 6.
⁹ ch. 11. 2.
John 3. 34.

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CHRIST
cir. 712.^a Heb. swallow,
or, sup up.

a travelling woman; I will destroy and ^a devour at once.

15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

16 And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things ³ straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

17 ¶ They shall be ^a turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, *Ye are our gods.*

18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

19 ^a Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who is blind *as he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant?

20 Seeing many things, ^a but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make ^a it honourable.

22 But this *is* a people robbed and spoiled; ^b *they are* all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for ^c a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

23 Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken and hear ⁷ for the time to come?

24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: ^a and it hath set him on fire round about, ^b yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid *it* not to heart.

^a Heb. into
straightness.^b Ps. 97. 7.
ch. 1. 29.
& 44. 11.
& 45. 16.^c ch. 43. 8.
Ezek. 12. 2.
See John 9.
39, 41.^d Rom. 2. 21.^e Or, him.^f Or, in snaring
all the young
men of them.^g Heb.
a treading.^h Heb. for the
after time?ⁱ 2 Kin. 25. 9.^j Hos. 7. 9.

CHAPTER XLIII.

¹ The Lord comforteth the church with his promises. ⁸ He appealeth to the people for witness of his omnipotency. ¹⁴ He foretelleth them the destruction of Babylon, 18 and his wonderful deliverance of his people. ²² He reproveth the people as inexcusable.

BUT now thus saith the LORD ^a that created thee, O Jacob, ^b and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: ^c for I have redeemed thee, ^d I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine.

2 ^e When thou passest through the waters, ^f I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou ^g walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

3 For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: ^h I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy ² life.

5 ⁱ Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7 *Even* every one that is ^k called by my name: for ^l I have created him for my glory, ^m I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

8 ¶ ⁿ Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: ^o who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, *It is truth.*

10 ^p Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, ^q and my servant whom I

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.^a ver. 7.^b ver. 21.
ch. 44. 2, 21, 24.
^c ch. 44. 6.^d ch. 42. 6.
& 45. 4.^e Ps. 66. 12.
& 91. 3, &c.
^f Deut. 31. 6, 8.^g Dan. 3. 25, 27.^h Prov. 11. 8.
& 21. 18.ⁱ Or, person.^j ch. 41. 10, 14.
& 44. 2.
Jer. 30. 10, 11.
& 46. 27, 28.^k ch. 63. 19.
Jam. 2. 7.^l Ps. 100. 3.
ch. 29. 23.
John 3. 3, 5.
2 Cor. 5. 17.
Eph. 2. 10.^m ver. 1.
ⁿ ch. 6. 9.
& 42. 19.
Ezek. 12. 2.^o ch. 41. 21, 22,
26.^p ch. 44. 8.
^q ch. 42. 1.
& 55. 4.

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

¹ ch. 41. 4.
& 44. 6.
² Or, *nothing
formed of
God.*
³ ch. 45. 21.
Hos. 13. 4.

⁴ Deut. 32. 16.
Ps. 81. 9.
⁵ ch. 44. 8.
ver. 10.

⁶ Ps. 90. 2.
John 8. 58.

⁷ Heb. *turn
it back?*
⁸ Job 9. 12.
ch. 14. 27.

⁹ Heb. *bars.*

¹⁰ Ex. 14. 16, 22.
Ps. 77. 19.
ch. 51. 10.
¹¹ Josh. 3. 13, 16.
¹² Ex. 14. 4,—9,
25.

¹³ Jer. 16. 14.
& 23. 7.

¹⁴ 2 Cor. 5. 17.
Rev. 21. 5.

¹⁵ Ex. 17. 6.
Num. 20. 11.
Deut. 8. 15.
Ps. 78. 16.
ch. 35. 6.
& 41. 18.

¹⁶ Or, *ostriches.*
¹⁷ Heb. *daugh-
ters of the owl.*
¹⁸ ch. 48. 21.

¹⁹ Ps. 102. 18.
ver. 1, 7.
Luke 1. 74, 75.
Eph. 1. 5, 6.

²⁰ Mal. 1. 13.

have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: ¹before me there was ²no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, *even* I, ³*am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no saviour.

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when *there was* no ⁴strange god among you: ⁵therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God.

13 ⁶Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall ⁷let it?

14 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their ⁸nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry *is* in the ships.

15 I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

16 Thus saith the LORD, which ⁹maketh a way in the sea, and a ¹⁰path in the mighty waters;

17 Which ¹¹bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

18 ¶ ¹²Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a ¹³new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? ¹⁴I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the ¹⁵owls: because ¹⁶I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

21 ¹⁷This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

22 ¶ But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou ¹⁸hast been weary of me, O Israel.

23 ¹⁹Thou hast not brought me the ²⁰small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

24 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou ²¹filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast ²²wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 I, *even* I, *am* he that ²³blotteth out thy transgressions ²⁴for mine own sake, ²⁵and will not remember thy sins.

26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy ²⁶teachers have transgressed against me.

28 Therefore ²⁷I have profaned the ²⁸princes of the sanctuary, ²⁹and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

CHAPTER XLIV.

1 God comforteth the church with his promises. 7 The vanity of idols, 9 and folly of idol makers. 21 He exhorteth to praise God for his redemption and omnipotency.

YET now hear, ¹O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:

2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, ²and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, ³Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

3 For I will ⁴pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

4 And they shall spring up *as* among the grass, *as* willows by the water courses.

5 One shall say, I *am* the LORD's; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the LORD, and surname *himself* by the name of Israel.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

¹ Amos 5. 25.
² Heb. *lambs,*
or, *kids.*

³ Heb. *made
me drunk,* or,
*abundantly
moistened.*

⁴ ch. 1. 14.
Mal. 2. 17.

⁵ ch. 44. 22.
& 48. 9.

⁶ Jer. 50. 20.
Acts 3. 19.

⁷ Ezek. 36. 22,
&c.

⁸ ch. 1. 18.
Jer. 31. 34.

⁹ Heb. *inter-
preters,*
Mal. 2. 7, 8.

¹⁰ ch. 47. 6.
Lam. 2. 2, 6, 7.

¹¹ Or, *holy
princes.*

¹² Ps. 79. 4.
Jer. 24. 9.
Dan. 9. 11.
Zech. 8. 13.

cir. 712.

¹³ ver. 21.
ch. 41. 8.
& 43. 1.
Jer. 30. 10.
& 46. 27, 28.
¹⁴ ch. 43. 1, 7.

¹⁵ Deut. 32. 15.

¹⁶ ch. 35. 7.
Joel 2. 28.
John 7. 38.
Acts 2. 18.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^o ver. 24.
ch. 43. 1, 14.
^r ch. 41. 4.
& 48. 12.
Rev. 1. 8, 17.
& 22. 13.
^s ch. 41. 4, 22.
& 45. 21.

^h ch. 41. 22.
ⁱ ch. 43. 10, 12.

^k Deut. 4. 35,
39. & 32. 39.
1 Sam. 2. 2.
2 Sam. 22. 32.
ch. 45. 5.
^l Heb. *Rock*,
Deut. 32. 4.
ⁱ ch. 41. 24, 29.
^s Heb.
desirable.
^m Ps. 115. 4, &c.

ⁿ Jer. 10. 5.
Hab. 2. 18.

^o Ps. 97. 7.
ch. 1. 29.
& 42. 17.
& 45. 16.

^p ch. 40. 19.
& 41. 6.
Jer. 10. 3, &c.
^q Or, *with
an az.*

^s Or, *taketh
courage*.

6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, ^oand his redeemer the LORD of hosts; ^r*I am the first, and I am the last*; and beside me *there is no God*.

7 And ^swho, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: ^hhave not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it*? ⁱ*ye are even my witnesses*. Is there a God beside me? yea, ^k*there is no* ²God; I know not *any*.

9 ¶ ^lThey that make a graven image *are all of them vanity*; and their ³delectable things shall not profit; and they *are* their own witnesses; ^mthey see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image ⁿ*that* is profitable for nothing?

11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ^oashamed: and the workmen, they *are* of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; *yet* they shall fear, *and* they shall be ashamed together.

12 ^pThe smith ^qwith the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint.

13 The carpenter stretcheth out *his* rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.

14 He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he ^sstrengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish *it*.

15 Then shall it be for a man to

burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth *it*, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth *it*; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.

16 He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth *himself*, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:

17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth *it*, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou *art* my god.

18 ^rThey have not known nor understood: for ^rhe hath ²shut their eyes, that they cannot see; *and* their hearts, that they cannot understand.

19 And none ³considereth in his heart, neither *is there* knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten *it*: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to ⁴the stock of a tree?

20 He feedeth on ashes: ⁴a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there not a lie in my right hand*?

21 ¶ Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for ^uthou *art* my servant: I have formed thee; thou *art* my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

22 ^xI have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for ^yI have redeemed thee.

23 ^zSing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done *it*: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^q ch. 45. 20.

^r 2 Thess. 2. 11.
^s Heb. *daubed*.

^t Heb. *setteth
to his heart*.
^u ch. 46. 8.

^v Heb. *that
which comes
of a tree*?

^w Hos. 4. 12.
Rom. 1. 21.
2 Thess. 2. 11.

^x ver. 1, 2.

^y ch. 43. 25.

^z ch. 43. 1.
& 48. 20.
1 Cor. 6. 20.
1 Pet. 1. 18, 19.
^{aa} Pa. 69. 34.
& 96. 11, 12.
ch. 42. 10.
& 49. 13.
Jer. 51. 48.
Rev. 18. 20.

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

^a ch. 43. 14.
ver. 6.
^b ch. 43. 1.
^c Job 9. 8.
Ps. 104. 2.
ch. 40. 22.
& 42. 5. &
45. 12. & 51. 13.
^d ch. 47. 13.
^e Jer. 50. 36.
^f 1 Cor. 1. 20.

^g Zech. 1. 6.

^h Heb. *wastes*.

ⁱ See Jer.
50. 38. &
51. 32, 36.

^j 2 Chron. 36.
22, 23.
Ezra 1. 1, &c.
ch. 45. 13.

24 Thus saith the LORD, ^athy redeemer, and ^bhe that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things*; ^cthat stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

25 That ^dfrustrateth the tokens ^eof the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise *men* backward, ^fand maketh their knowledge foolish;

26 ^gThat confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the ^hdecayed places thereof:

27 ⁱThat saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

28 That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, ^jThou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

CHAPTER XLV.

1 *God calleth Cyrus for his church's sake. 5 By his omnipotency he challengeth obedience. 20 He convinceth the idols of vanity by his saving power.*

THUS saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose ^aright hand I ^bhave holden, ^cto subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

2 I will go before thee, ^dand make the crooked places straight: ^eI will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, ^fthat thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which ^gcall *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel.

4 For ^hJacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast ⁱnot known me.

5 ¶ I ^j*am* the LORD, and ^k*there is* none else, *there is* no God beside me: ^lI girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

6 ^mThat they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none beside me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else.

7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and ⁿcreate evil: I the LORD do all these *things*.

8 ^oDrop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

9 Woe unto him that striveth with ^phis Maker! *Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth.

^qShall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

10 Woe unto him that saith unto *his* father, What begetteth thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning ^rmy sons, and concerning ^sthe work of my hands command ye me.

12 ^tI have made the earth, and ^ucreated man upon it: I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and ^vall their host have I commanded.

13 ^wI have raised him up in righteousness, and I will ^xdirect all his ways: he shall ^ybuild my city, and he shall let go my captives, ^znot for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

14 Thus saith the LORD, ^{aa}The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; ^{ab}in chains they shall come over, and they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, ^{ac}Surely God *is* in thee; and ^{ad}*there is* none else, *there is* no God.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^{ae} Deut. 4. 35, 39.
& 32. 39.
ch. 44. 8.
& 46. 9.
^{af} ver. 14, 18,
21, 22.
^{ag} Ps. 18. 32, 39.
^{ah} Ps. 102. 15.
ch. 37. 20.
Mal. 1. 11.
^{ai} Amos 3. 6.

^{aj} Ps. 72. 3.
& 85. 11.

^{ak} ch. 64. 8.

^{al} ch. 29. 16.
Jer. 18. 6.
Rom. 9. 20.

^{am} Jer. 31. 9.
^{an} Isai. 29. 23.

^{ao} ch. 42. 5.
Jer. 27. 5.
^{ap} Gen. 1. 26, 27.

^{aq} Gen. 2. 1.

^{ar} ch. 41. 2.
^{as} Or, *make straight*.
^{at} 2 Chron. 36.
22, 23.
Ezra 1. 1, &c.
ch. 44. 28.
^{au} ch. 52. 3.
See Rom. 3. 24.

^{av} Ps. 68. 31.
& 72. 10, 11.
ch. 49. 23. &
60. 9, 10, 14, 16.
Zech. 8. 22, 23.

^{aw} Ps. 149. 8.

^{ax} 1 Cor. 14. 25.
^{ay} ver. 5.

cir. 712.

^{az} ch. 41. 13.

^{ba} Or, *strengthened*.

^{bb} ch. 41. 2.
Dan. 5. 30.

^{bc} ch. 40. 4.

^{bd} Ps. 107. 16.

^{be} ch. 41. 23.

^{bf} Ex. 33. 12, 17.
ch. 43. 1. &
49. 1.

^{bg} ch. 44. 1.

^{bh} 1 Thess. 4. 5.

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

^f Ps. 44. 24.
ch. 8. 17.
& 57. 17.

^g ch. 44. 11.

^h ch. 26. 4.
ver. 25.
Rom. 11. 26.

ⁱ ch. 42. 5.

^k ver. 5.

^l Deut. 30. 11.
ch. 48. 16.

^m Ps. 19. 8. &
119. 137, 138.

ⁿ ch. 44. 17, 18,
19. & 46. 7.
& 48. 7.
Rom. 1. 22, 23.

^o ch. 41. 22.
& 43. 9. &
44. 7. & 46. 10.
& 48. 14.

^p ver. 5, 14, 18.
ch. 44. 8.
& 46. 9.
& 48. 3, &c.

^q Ps. 22. 27.
& 65. 5.

^r Gen. 22. 16.
Hebr. 6. 13.

^s Rom. 14. 11.
Phil. 2. 10.

^t Gen. 31. 53.
Deut. 6. 13.
Ps. 63. 11.
ch. 65. 16.

^u Or, *Surely*
he shall say
of me, In the
LORD is all
righteousness
and strength.

^v Jer. 23. 5.
1 Cor. 1. 30.

^w Heb. *righte-*
ousnesses.

^x ch. 41. 11.

^y ver. 17.

^z 1 Cor. 1. 31.

15 Verily thou *art* a God ^fthat hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together *that are* ^gmakers of idols.

17 ^hBut Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

18 For thus saith the LORD ⁱthat created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: ^kI *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.

19 I have not spoken in ^lsecret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: ^mI the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20 ¶ Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: ⁿthey have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save.

21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: ^owho hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? ^pand *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me.

22 ^qLook unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

23 ^rI have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every ^sknee shall bow, ^tevery tongue shall swear.

24 ^uSurely, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I ^v^zrighteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and ^xall that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 ^yIn the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and ^zshall glory.

CHAPTER XLVI.

¹ *The idols of Babylon could not save themselves. 3 God saveth his people to the end. 5 Idols are not comparable to God for power, 12 or present salvation.*

BEL ^aboweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages *were* heavy loaden; ^b*they are* a burden to the weary *beast*.

2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, ^cbut ²themselves are gone into captivity.

3 ¶ Harken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, ^dwhich are borne *by me* from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

4 And *even* to *your* old age ^eI *am* he; and *even* to hoar hairs ^fwill I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.

5 ¶ ^gTo whom will ye liken me, and make *me* equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6 ^hThey lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, *and* hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.

7 ⁱThey bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, ^k*one* shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men: ^lbring *it* again to mind, O ye transgressors.

9 ^mRemember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and ⁿ*there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me,

10 ^oDeclaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, ^pMy counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

11 Calling a ravenous bird ^qfrom the east, ³the man ^rthat executeth my counsel from a far country: yea,

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^a ch. 21. 9.
Jer. 50. 2.
& 51. 44.

^b Jer. 10. 5.

^c Jer. 48. 7.
^d Heb. *their*
soul.

^d Ex. 19. 4.
Deut. 1. 31.
& 32. 11.
Ps. 71. 6.
ch. 63. 9.

^e Ps. 102. 27.
Mal. 3. 6.

^f Ps. 48. 14.
& 71. 18.

^g ch. 40. 18, 25.

^h ch. 40. 19.
& 41. 6.
& 44. 12, 19.
Jer. 10. 3.

ⁱ Jer. 10. 5.

^k ch. 45. 20.

^l ch. 44. 19.
& 47. 7.

^m Deut. 32. 7.

ⁿ ch. 45. 5, 21.

^o ch. 45. 21.

^p Ps. 33. 11.
Prov. 19. 21.
& 21. 30.

Acts 5. 39.
Hebr. 6. 17.

^q ch. 41. 2, 25.

^r Heb. *the man*
of my counsel.

^s ch. 44. 28.
& 45. 13.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^a Num. 23. 19.
^t Ps. 76. 5.
^u Rom. 10. 3.

^x ch. 51. 5.
Rom. 1. 17.
& 3. 21.
^y Hab. 2. 3.
^z ch. 62. 11.

cir. 712.
^a Jer. 48. 18.
^b ch. 3. 26.

^c Ex. 11. 5.
Judg. 16. 21.
Matt. 24. 41.

^d ch. 3. 17.
& 20. 4.
Jer. 13. 22, 26.
Nah. 3. 5.
^e Rom. 12. 19.

^f ch. 43. 3, 14.
Jer. 50. 34.

^g 1 Sam. 2. 9.

^h ver. 7.
ch. 13. 19.
Dan. 2. 37.
ⁱ See 2 Sam.
24. 14.
2 Chron. 28. 9.
Zech. 1. 15.
^j ch. 43. 28.

^k Deut. 28. 50.

^l ver. 5.
Rev. 18. 7.

^m ch. 46. 8.
ⁿ Deut. 32. 29.

^p ver. 10.
Zeph. 2. 15.
^q Rev. 18. 7.

^r I have spoken *it*, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it.

12 ¶ Harken unto me, ye ^t stout-hearted, ^u that *are* far from righteousness:

13 ^x I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation ^y shall not tarry: and I will place ^z salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

CHAPTER XLVII.

¹ God's judgment upon Babylon and Chaldea, ⁶ for their unmercifulness, ⁷ pride, ¹⁰ and overboldness, ¹¹ shall be irresistible.

COME ^a down, and ^b sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: *there is* no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2 ^c Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.

3 ^d Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: ^e I will take vengeance, and I will not meet *thee as* a man.

4 *As for* ^f our redeemer, the LORD of hosts *is* his name, the Holy One of Israel.

5 Sit thou ^g silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: ^h for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

6 ¶ ⁱ I was wroth with my people, ^k I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; ^l upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

7 ¶ And thou saidst, I shall be ^m a lady for ever: *so* that thou didst not ⁿ lay these *things* to thy heart, ^o neither didst remember the latter end of it.

8 Therefore hear now this, *thou that art* given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, ^p *I am*, and none else beside me; ^q *I shall not sit as* a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:

9 But ^r these two *things* shall come to thee ^s in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection ^t for the multitude of thy sorceries, *and* for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

10 ¶ For thou ^u hast trusted in thy wickedness: ^x thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath ^y perverted thee; ^z and thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me.

11 ¶ Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know ^a from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to ^b put it off: and ^c desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not know.

12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

13 ^d Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now ^e the ^f astrologers, the stargazers, ^g the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee.

14 Behold, they shall be ^h as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver ⁱ themselves from the power of the flame: *there shall* not be a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it.

15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, *even* ^j thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

CHAPTER XLVIII.

¹ God, to convince the people of their foreknown obstinacy, revealed his prophecies. 9 He saveth them for his own sake. 12 He exhorteth them to obedience, because of his power and providence. 16 He lamenteth their backwardness. 20 He powerfully delivereth his out of Babylon.

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

^r ch. 51. 19.
^s 1 Thess. 5. 3.
^t Nah. 3. 4.

^u Ps. 52. 7.

^x ch. 29. 15.
Ezek. 8. 12.
& 9. 9.

^y Or, *caused thee to turn away.*
^z ver. 8.

^a Heb. *the morning thereof.*
^b Heb. *expiate.*
^c 1 Thess. 5. 3.

^d ch. 57. 10.

^e ch. 44. 25.

Dan. 2. 2.

^f Heb. *viewers of the heavens.*

^g Heb. *that give knowledge concerning the months.*

^h Nah. 1. 10.
Mal. 4. 1.

ⁱ Heb. *their souls.*

^j Rev. 18. 11.

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

^a Ps. 68. 26.
^b Deut. 6. 13.
ch. 65. 16.
Zeph. 1. 5.
^c Jer. 4. 2.
& 5. 2.
^d ch. 52. 1.
^e Mic. 3. 11.
Rom. 2. 17.
^f ch. 41. 22. &
42. 9. & 43. 9.
& 44. 7. 8.
& 45. 21. &
46. 9. 10.

^g Josh. 21. 45.

^h Hob. hard.
ⁱ Ex. 32. 9.
Deut. 31. 27.
^j ver. 3.

^k Ps. 58. 3.

^l Ps. 79. 9.
& 106. 8.
ch. 43. 25.
ver. 11.
Ezek. 20. 9,
14, 22, 44.

^m Ps. 78. 38.

ⁿ Ps. 66. 10.
^o Or, *for silver*.
See Ezek. 22.
20, 21, 22.
^p ver. 9.

^q See Deut. 32.
26, 27.
Ezek. 20. 9.
^r ch. 42. 8.

HEAR ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and ^aare come forth out of the waters of Judah, ^bwhich swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, ^cbut not in truth, nor in righteousness.

2 For they call themselves ^dof the holy city, and ^estay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts *is* his name.

3 ^fI have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did *them* suddenly, ^gand they came to pass.

4 Because I knew that thou *art* ^hobstinate, and ⁱthy neck *is* an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;

5 ^jI have even from the beginning declared *it* to thee; before it came to pass I shewed *it* thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare *it*? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.

8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time *that* thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called ^ka transgressor from the womb.

9 ^lFor my name's sake ^mwill I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

10 Behold, ⁿI have refined thee, but not ^owith silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

11 ^pFor mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do *it*: for ^qhow should *my name* be polluted? and ^rI will not give my glory unto another.

12 [¶]Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; ^sI *am* he; I *am* the ^tfirst, I also *am* the last.

13 ^uMine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and ^vmy right hand hath spanned the heavens: *when* ^wI call unto them, they stand up together.

14 ^xAll ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these *things*? ^yThe LORD hath loved him: ^zhe will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans.

15 I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, ^{aa}I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

16 [¶]Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; ^{ab}I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there *am* I: and now ^{ac}the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

17 Thus saith ^{ad}the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I *am* the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, ^{ae}which leadeth thee by the way *that* thou shouldest go.

18 ^{af}O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! ^{ag}then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

19 ^{ah}Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

20 [¶]Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath ^{ai}redeemed his servant Jacob.

21 And they ^{aj}thirsted not *when* he led them through the deserts: he ^{ak}caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

22 ^{al}There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

BEFORE
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cir. 712.

^{ar} Deut. 32. 39.

^{as} ch. 41. 4.
& 44. 6.
Rev. 1. 17.
& 22. 13.

^{at} Ps. 102. 25.

^{au} Or, *the palm of my right hand hath spread out*.

^{av} ch. 40. 26.

^{aw} ch. 41. 22. &
43. 9. & 44. 7.
& 45. 20, 21.

^{ax} ch. 45. 1.

^{ay} ch. 44. 28.

^{az} ch. 45. 1, 2,
&c.

^{ba} ch. 45. 19.

^{bb} ch. 61. 1.
Zech. 2. 8,
9, 11.

^{bc} ch. 43. 14.
& 44. 6, 24.
ver. 20.

^{bd} Ps. 32. 8.

^{be} Deut. 32. 29.
Ps. 81. 13.
^{bf} Ps. 119. 165.

^{bg} Gen. 22. 17.
Hos. 1. 10.

^{bh} ch. 52. 11.
Jer. 50. 8.
& 51. 6, 45.
Zech. 2. 6, 7.
Rev. 18. 4.

^{bi} Ex. 19. 4, 5, 6.
ch. 44. 22, 23.

^{bj} See ch. 41.
17, 18.

^{bk} Ex. 17. 6.
Num. 20. 11.
Ps. 105. 41.

^{bl} ch. 57. 21.

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

CHAPTER XLIX.

¹ Christ, being sent to the Jews, complaineth of them. ⁵ He is sent to the Gentiles with gracious promises. ¹³ God's love is perpetual to his church. ¹⁸ The ample restoration of the church. ²⁴ The powerful deliverance out of captivity.

LISTEN, ^a O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far;

^b The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

² And he hath made ^c my mouth like a sharp sword; ^d in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me ^e a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

³ And said unto me, ^f Thou art my servant, O Israel, ^g in whom I will be glorified.

⁴ ^h Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and ⁱ my work with my God.

⁵ ¶ And now, saith the LORD ^j that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, ^k Though Israel ^l be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

⁶ And he said, ^m It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the ⁿ preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a ^o light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

⁷ Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, ^p to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, ^q Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

⁸ Thus saith the LORD, ^r In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, ^s and give thee for a covenant

of the people, to ^t establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

⁹ That thou mayest say ^u to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

¹⁰ They shall not ^v hunger nor thirst; ^w neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them ^x shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

¹¹ ^y And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

¹² Behold, ^z these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

¹³ ¶ ^{aa} Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

¹⁴ ^{ab} But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

¹⁵ ^{ac} Can a woman forget her sucking child, ^{ad} that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, ^{ae} yet will I not forget thee.

¹⁶ Behold, ^{af} I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

¹⁷ Thy children shall make haste; ^{ag} thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

¹⁸ ¶ ^{ah} Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, ^{ai} as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.

¹⁹ For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, ^{aj} shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 712.

^{ar} Or, raise up.
^{as} ch. 42. 7.
^{at} Zech. 9. 12.

^{av} Rev. 7. 16.

^{aw} Ps. 121. 6.

^{ax} Ps. 23. 2.

^{ay} ch. 40. 4.

^{az} ch. 43. 5, 6.

^{ba} ch. 44. 23.

^{bb} See ch. 40. 27.

^{bc} See Ps. 103. 13.

^{bd} Mal. 3. 17.
^{be} Matt. 7. 11.

^{bf} Heb. from having compassion.

^{bg} Rom. 11. 29.

^{bh} See Ex. 13. 9.
^{bi} Cant. 8. 6.

^{bj} ver. 19.

^{bk} ch. 60. 4.

^{bl} Prov. 17. 6.

^{bm} See ch. 54. 1, 2.
^{bn} Zech. 2. 4.
^{bo} & 10. 10.

^a ch. 41. 1.

^b ver. 5.
^c Jer. 1. 5.
^d Matt. 1. 20, 21.
^e Luke 1. 15, 31.
^f John 10. 36.
^g Gal. 1. 15.

^h ch. 11. 4.
ⁱ & 51. 16.
^j Hos. 6. 5.
^k Hebr. 4. 12.
^l Rev. 1. 16.

^m ch. 51. 16.
ⁿ Ps. 45. 5.

^o ch. 42. 1.
^p Zech. 3. 8.

^q ch. 44. 23.
^r John 13. 31.
^s & 15. 8.
^t Eph. 1. 6.

^u Ezek. 3. 19.

^v Or, my reward,
^w ch. 40. 10.
^x & 62. 11.

^y ver. 1.

^z Or, That Israel may be gathered to him, and I may, &c.

^{aa} Matt. 23. 37.

^{ab} Or, Art thou lighter than that thou shouldest, &c.

^{ac} Or, desolations.

^{ad} ch. 42. 6.
^{ae} & 60. 3.
^{af} Luke 2. 32.
^{ag} Acts 13. 47.
^{ah} & 26. 18.

^{ai} ch. 53. 3.
^{aj} Matt. 26. 67.

^{ak} Or, to him that is despised in soul.

^{al} Ps. 72. 10, 11.
^{am} ver. 23.

^{an} See Ps. 69. 13.
^{ao} 2 Cor. 6. 2.

^{ap} ch. 42. 6.

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

^h ch. 60. 4.
ⁱ Matt. 3. 9.
Rom. 11. 11,
12, &c.

^k ch. 60. 4.
& 66. 20.

^a Heb. *bosom*.

ⁱ Ps. 72. 11.
ver. 7.
ch. 52. 15.
& 60. 16.

^a Heb.
nourishers.

^a Heb.
princesses.

^m Ps. 72. 9.
Mic. 7. 17.

ⁿ Ps. 34. 22.
Rom. 5. 5. &
9. 33. & 10. 11.

^o Matt. 12. 29.
Luke 11. 21,
22.

^a Heb. *the
captivity of
the just*.

^a Heb. *cap-
tivity*.

^p ch. 9. 20.

^q Rev. 14. 20.
& 16. 6.

^r Or, *new wine*.

^r Ps. 9. 16.
ch. 60. 16.

20 ^h The children which thou shalt have, ⁱ after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place *is* too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where *had* they *been*?

22 ^k Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* ^a arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.

23 ⁱ And kings shall be thy ³ nursing fathers, and their ⁴ queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth, and ^m lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: for ⁿ they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

24 ¶ ^o Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or ⁵ the lawful captive delivered?

25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the ⁶ captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

26 And I will ^p feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own ^a blood, as with ⁷ sweet wine: and all flesh ^r shall know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

CHAPTER L.

¹ Christ sheweth that the dereliction of the Jews is not to be imputed to him, by his ability to save, ⁵ by his obedience in that work, ⁷ and by his confidence in that assistance. ¹⁰ An exhortation to trust in God, and not in ourselves.

THUS saith the LORD, Where *is* ^a the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my ^b creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities ^c have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

2 Wherefore, when I came, *was there* no man? ^d when I called, *was there* none to answer? ^e Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, ^f at my rebuke I ^g dry up the sea, I make the ^h rivers a wilderness: ⁱ their fish stinketh, because *there is* no water, and dieth for thirst.

3 ^k I clothe the heavens with blackness, ^l and I make sackcloth their covering.

4 ^m The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* ⁿ weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

5 ¶ The Lord God ^o hath opened mine ear, and I was not ^p rebellious, neither turned away back.

6 ^q I gave my back to the smiters, and ^r my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

7 ¶ For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have ^s I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 ^t *He is* near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who *is* ^u mine adversary? let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord God will help me; who *is* he *that* shall condemn me? ^v lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; ^w the moth shall eat them up.

10 ¶ Who *is* among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that ^x walketh in darkness, and hath no light? ^y let

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

^a Deut. 24. 1.
Jer. 3. 8.
Hos. 2. 2.
^b See 2 Kin. 4. 1.
Matt. 18. 25.
^c ch. 52. 3.

^d Prov. 1. 24.
ch. 65. 12.
& 66. 4.
Jer. 7. 13.
& 35. 15.
^e Num. 11. 23.
ch. 59. 1.
^f Ps. 106. 9.
Nah. 1. 4.
^g Ex. 14. 21.
^h Josh. 3. 16.
ⁱ Ex. 7. 18, 21.

^k Ex. 10. 21.
^l Rev. 6. 12.

^m Ex. 4. 11.

ⁿ Matt. 11. 28.

^o Ps. 40. 6, 7, 8.

^p Matt. 26. 39.
John 14. 31.
Phil. 2. 8.
Hebr. 10. 5,
&c.

^q Matt. 26. 67.
& 27. 26.
John 18. 22.
^r Lam. 3. 30.

^s Ezek. 3. 8, 9.

^t Rom. 8. 32,
33, 34.

^u Heb. *the
master of my
cause*?

^v Job 13. 28.
Ps. 102. 26.
ch. 51. 6.
^w ch. 51. 8.

^x Ps. 23. 4.
^y 2 Chron. 20. 20.
Ps. 20. 7.

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

* John 9. 39.
b Ps. 16. 4.

* ver. 7.
b Rom. 9. 30,
31, 32.

* Rom. 4. 1, 16.
Hebr. 11. 11,
12.
d Gen. 12. 1, 2.
e Gen. 24. 1, 35.

f Ps. 102. 13.
ch. 40. 1. &
52. 9. ver. 12.

g Gen. 13. 10.
Joel 2. 3.

h ch. 2. 3.
& 42. 4.

i ch. 42. 6.

k ch. 46. 13.
& 56. 1.
Rom. 1. 16, 17.

l Ps. 67. 4.
& 98. 9.

m ch. 60. 9.
n Rom. 1. 16.

o ch. 40. 26.

p Ps. 102. 26.
Matt. 24. 35.
2 Pet. 3. 10, 12.
q ch. 50. 9.

him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass *yourselves* about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks *that* ye have kindled. *This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down ^b in sorrow.

CHAPTER LI.

1 *An exhortation, after the pattern of Abraham, to trust in Christ, 3 by reason of his comfortable promises, 4 of his righteous salvation, 7 and man's mortality. 9 Christ by his sanctified arm defendeth his from the fear of man. 17 He bewaileth the afflictions of Jerusalem, 21 and promiseth deliverance.*

^a **H**EARKEN to me, ^bye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged.

2 ^cLook unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *that* bare you: ^dfor I called him alone, and ^eblessed him, and increased him.

3 For the LORD ^fshall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert ^glike the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

4 ¶ Harken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: ^hfor a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest ⁱfor a light of the people.

5 ^kMy righteousness *is* near; my salvation is gone forth, ^land mine arms shall judge the people; ^mthe isles shall wait upon me, and ⁿon mine arm shall they trust.

6 ^oLift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for ^pthe heavens shall vanish away like smoke, ^qand the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall

be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

7 ¶ ^rHearken unto me, ye *that* know righteousness, the people ^sin whose heart *is* my law; ^tfear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

8 For ^uthe moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

9 ¶ ^vAwake, awake, ^wput on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, ^xas in the ancient days, in the generations of old. ^yArt thou not it that hath cut ^zRahab, *and* wounded the ^adragon?

10 *Art* thou not it which hath ^ddried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

11 Therefore ^ethe redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

12 I, *even* I, *am* he ^fthat comforteth you: who *art* thou, that thou shouldest be afraid ^gof a man *that* shall die, and of the son of man *which* shall be made ^has grass;

13 And forgettest the LORD thy maker, ⁱthat hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he ^jwere ready to destroy? ^kand where *is* the fury of the oppressor?

14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, ^land that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

15 But I *am* the LORD thy God, that ^mdivided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts *is* his name.

16 And ⁿI have put my words in thy mouth, and ^oI have covered

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CHRIST
cir. 712.

^r ver. 1.
^s Ps. 37. 31.
^t Matt. 10. 28.
^u Acts 5. 41.

^v ch. 50. 9.

^x Ps. 44. 23.
ch. 52. 1.

^y Ps. 93. 1.
Rev. 11. 17.

^z Ps. 44. 1.
^a Job 26. 12.

^b Ps. 87. 4.
& 89. 10.

^c Ps. 74. 13, 14.
ch. 27. 1.

Ezek. 29. 3.
^d Ex. 14. 21.
ch. 43. 16.

^e ch. 35. 10.

^f ver. 3.
2 Cor. 1. 3.

^g Ps. 118. 6.

^h ch. 40. 6.
1 Pet. 1. 24.

ⁱ Job 9. 8.
Ps. 104. 2.
ch. 40. 22. &
42. 5. & 44. 24.

^j Or, *made*
himself *ready*.
^k Job 20. 7.

^l Zech. 9. 11.

^m Job 26. 12.
Ps. 74. 13.
Jer. 31. 35.

ⁿ Deut. 18. 18.
ch. 59. 21.

John 3. 34.
^o ch. 49. 2.

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^p ch. 65. 17.
& 66. 22.

^q ch. 52. 1.

^r Job 21. 20.
Jer. 25. 15, 16.

^s See Deut. 28.
28, 34.
Ps. 60. 3.
& 75. 8.
Ezek. 23. 32,
33, 34.
Zech. 12. 2.
Rev. 14. 10.

^t ch. 47. 9.

^u Heb.
happened.

^v Heb.
breaking.
^w Amos 7. 2.

^x Lam. 2. 11, 12.

^y See ver. 17.
Lam. 3. 15.

^z Jer. 50. 34.

^a Jer. 25. 17,
26, 28.
Zech. 12. 2.
^b Ps. 66. 11, 12.

^c ch. 51. 9, 17.

^d Neh. 11. 1.
ch. 48. 2.
Matt. 4. 5.

^e Rev. 21. 2.
^f ch. 35. 8.
& 60. 21.
Nah. 1. 15.

thee in the shadow of mine hand,
^p that I may plant the heavens, and
lay the foundations of the earth,
and say unto Zion, Thou *art* my
people.

17 ¶ ^q Awake, awake, stand up,
O Jerusalem, which ^r hast drunk at
the hand of the LORD the cup of
his fury; ^s thou hast drunken the
dregs of the cup of trembling, and
wrung *them* out.

18 *There is* none to guide her among
all the sons *whom* she hath brought
forth; neither *is there any* that tak-
eth her by the hand of all the sons
that she hath brought up.

19 ^t These two *things* ^u are come
unto thee; who shall be sorry for
thee? desolation, and ^v destruction,
and the famine, and the sword: ^w by
whom shall I comfort thee?

20 ^x Thy sons have fainted, they
lie at the head of all the streets, as
a wild bull in a net: they are full
of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke
of thy God.

21 ¶ Therefore hear now this, thou
afflicted, and drunken, ^y but not with
wine:

22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD,
and thy God ^z that pleadeth the
cause of his people, Behold, I have
taken out of thine hand the cup
of trembling, *even* the dregs of the
cup of my fury; thou shalt no more
drink it again:

23 But ^a I will put it into the hand
of them that afflict thee; ^b which
have said to thy soul, Bow down,
that we may go over: and thou
hast laid thy body as the ground,
and as the street, to them that
went over.

CHAPTER LII.

1 *Christ persuadeth the church to believe his free
redemption, 7 to receive the ministers thereof,
9 to joy in the power thereof, 11 and to free
themselves from bondage. 13 Christ's kingdom
shall be exalted.*

AWAKE, ^c awake; put on thy
strength, O Zion; put on thy
beautiful garments, O Jerusalem,
^d the holy city: for ^e henceforth there

shall no more come into thee the
uncircumcised ^f and the unclean.

2 ^g Shake thyself from the dust;
arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem:
^h loose thyself from the bands of thy
neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus saith the LORD, ⁱ Ye
have sold yourselves for nought;
and ye shall be redeemed without
money.

4 For thus saith the Lord God,
My people went down aforetime
into ^j Egypt to sojourn there; and
the Assyrian oppressed them with-
out cause.

5 Now therefore, what have I here,
saith the LORD, that my people is
taken away for nought? they that
rule over them make them to howl,
saith the LORD; and my name con-
tinually every day *is* ^k blasphemed.

6 Therefore my people shall know
my name: therefore *they shall know*
in that day that I *am* he that doth
speak: behold, *it is* I.

7 ¶ ^l How beautiful upon the moun-
tains are the feet of him that bring-
eth good tidings, that publisheth
peace; that bringeth good tidings
of good, that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, ^m Thy God
reigneth!

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the
voice; with the voice together shall
they sing: for they shall see eye
to eye, when the LORD shall bring
again Zion.

9 ¶ Break forth into joy, sing toge-
ther, ye waste places of Jerusalem:
ⁿ for the LORD hath comforted his
people, ^o he hath redeemed Jerusa-
lem.

10 ^p The LORD hath made bare his
holy arm in the eyes of all the
nations; and ^q all the ends of the
earth shall see the salvation of our
God.

11 ¶ ^r Depart ye, depart ye, go ye
out from thence, touch no unclean
thing; go ye out of the midst of
her; ^s be ye clean, that bear the
vessels of the LORD.

12 For ^t ye shall not go out with
haste, nor go by flight: ^u for the

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^d Rev. 21. 27.
^e See ch. 3. 26.
& 51. 23.

^f Zech. 2. 7.

^g Ps. 44. 12.
ch. 45. 13.
Jer. 15. 13.

^h Gen. 46. 6.
Acts 7. 14.

ⁱ Ezek. 36. 20,
23.
Rom. 2. 24.

^j Nah. 1. 15.
Rom. 10. 15.

^k Ps. 93. 1. &
96. 10. & 97. 1.

^l ch. 51. 3.

^m ch. 48. 20.

ⁿ Pa. 98. 2, 3.

^o Luke 3. 6.

^p ch. 48. 20.
Jer. 50. 8.
& 51. 6, 45.
Zech. 2. 6, 7.
2 Cor. 6. 17.
Rev. 18. 4.

^q Lev. 22. 2, &c.

^r See Ex. 12.
33, 39.

^s Mic. 2. 13.

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^u Num. 10. 25.
ch. 58. 8.
See Ex. 14. 18.
^h Heb. gather
you up.
^z ch. 42. 1.
^h Or, prosper,
ch. 53. 10.
Jer. 23. 5.
^z Phil. 2. 9.
^h Ps. 22. 6, 7.
ch. 53. 2, 3.
^h Ezek. 36. 25.
Acts 2. 33.
Hebr. 9. 13, 14.
^h ch. 49. 7, 23.
^o ch. 55. 5.
Rom. 15. 21.
& 16. 25, 26.
Eph. 3. 5, 9.

LORD will go before you; "and the God of Israel *will* ²be your rereward.

13 ¶ Behold, ^zmy servant shall ³deal prudently, ^zhe shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

14 As many were astonished at thee; his ^zvisage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

15 ^aSo shall he sprinkle many nations; ^bthe kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* ^cwhich had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider.

CHAPTER LIII.

1 *The prophet, complaining of incredulity, excuseth the scandal of the cross, 4 by the benefit of his passion, 10 and the good success thereof.*

WHO ^ahath believed our ⁴report? and to whom is ^bthe arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For ^che shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: ^dhe hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.

3 ^aHe is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and ^facquainted with grief: and ⁶⁷we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and ^zwe esteemed him not.

4 ¶ Surely ^bhe hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he *was* ⁸¹wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his ^{k9}stripes we are healed.

6 ¹All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD ²hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet ^mhe opened not his mouth: ⁿhe is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before

her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 ²He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for ^ohe was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people ³was he stricken.

9 ^pAnd he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his ⁴death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* ^adeceit in his mouth.

10 ¶ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: ⁵when thou shalt make his soul ^ran offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, ^ahe shall prolong *his* days, and ^tthe pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: ^uby his knowledge shall ^xmy righteous ^yservant ^zjustify many; ^afor he shall bear their iniquities.

12 ^bTherefore will I divide him *a* portion with the great, ^cand he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was ^dnumbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and ^emade intercession for the transgressors.

CHAPTER LIV.

1 *The prophet, for the comfort of the Gentiles, prophesieth the amplitude of their church, 4 their safety, 6 their certain deliverance out of affliction, 11 their fair edification, 15 and their sure preservation.*

SING ^a, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail with child: for ^bmore *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

2 ^cEnlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; ^dand

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^a Or, He was taken away by distress and judgment: but, &c.
^o Dan. 9. 26.
^h Heb. was the stroke upon him.
^p Matt. 27. 57, 58, 60.
^h Heb. deaths.
^q 1 Pet. 2. 22.
1 John 3. 5.

^h Or, when his soul shall make an offering.
^r 2 Cor. 5. 21.
1 Pet. 2. 24.
^u Rom. 6. 9.
^t Eph. 1. 5, 9.
2 Thess. 1. 11.
^u John 17. 3.
2 Pet. 1. 3.
^x 1 John 2. 1.
^y ch. 42. 1.
& 49. 3.
^z Rom. 5. 18, 19.
^a ver. 4, 5.
^b Ps. 2. 8.
Phil. 2. 9.
Col. 2. 15.
^c Mark 15. 28.
Luke 22. 37.
^d Luke 23. 34.
Rom. 8. 34.
Hebr. 7. 25.
& 9. 24.
1 John 2. 1.

^a Zeph. 3. 14.
Gal. 4. 27.

^b 1 Sam. 2. 5.

^c ch. 49. 19, 20.

^d ch. 55. 5.
& 61. 9.

^a John 12. 38.
Rom. 10. 16.
^h Or, doctrine?
^h Heb. hearing?
^b ch. 51. 9.
Rom. 1. 16.
1 Cor. 1. 18.
^c ch. 11. 1.
^d ch. 52. 14.
Mark 9. 12.

^h Ps. 22. 6.
ch. 49. 7.
^h Hebr. 4. 15.
^h Or, he hid as it were his face from us.
^z Heb. as an hiding of faces from him, or, from us.
^h John 1. 10, 11.
^h Matt. 8. 17.
Hebr. 9. 28.
1 Pet. 2. 24.
^h Or, tormented.
¹ Rom. 4. 25.
1 Cor. 15. 3.
1 Pet. 3. 18.
^z 1 Pet. 2. 24.
^h Heb. bruise.
¹ Ps. 119. 178.
1 Pet. 2. 25.
^h Heb. hath made the iniquity of us all to meet on him.
^m Matt. 26. 63.
& 27. 12, 14.
Mark 14. 61.
& 15. 5.
1 Pet. 2. 23.
ⁿ Acts 8. 32.

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thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

5 ^a For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the ^f LORD of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; ^e The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

6 For the LORD ^b hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

7 ⁱ For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; ^k but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

9 For this *is as* the waters of ^l Noah unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

10 For ^m the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; ⁿ but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

11 ¶ O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with ^o fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children *shall be* ^p taught of the LORD; and ^q great *shall be* the peace of thy children.

14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear:

^a Jer. 3. 14.^f Luke 1. 32.^e Zech. 14. 9.
Rom. 3. 29.^b ch. 62. 4.ⁱ Ps. 30. 5.
ch. 26. 20.
& 60. 10.
2 Cor. 4. 17.^k ch. 55. 3.
Jer. 31. 3.^l Gen. 8. 21.
& 9. 11.
ch. 55. 11.
See Jer. 31.
35, 36.^m Ps. 46. 2.
ch. 51. 6.
Matt. 5. 18.
ⁿ Ps. 89. 33, 34.^o 1 Chron. 29. 2.
Rev. 21. 18,
&c.^p ch. 11. 9.
Jer. 31. 34.
John 6. 45.
1 Cor. 2. 10.
1 Thess. 4. 9.
1 John 2. 20.
^q Ps. 119. 165.

and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

17 ¶ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, ^r and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER LV.

¹ The prophet, with the promises of Christ, calleth to faith, 6 and to repentance. 8 The happy success of them that believe.

HO, ^a every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; ^b come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye ² spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and ^c come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; ^d and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the ^e sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him *for* ^f a witness to the people, ^g a leader and commander to the people.

5 ^h Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, ⁱ and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; ^k for he hath glorified thee.

6 ¶ ^l Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

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cir. 712.^r ch. 45. 24, 25.^a John 4. 14.
& 7. 37.
Rev. 21. 6.
& 22. 17.
^b Matt. 13. 44,
46.
Rev. 3. 18.^c Heb. weigh.^d Matt. 11. 28.
^e ch. 54. 8.
& 61. 8.
Jer. 32. 40.
^f 2 Sam. 7. 8,
&c.
Ps. 89. 28.
Acts 13. 34.^g John 18. 37.
Rev. 1. 5.
^h Jer. 30. 9.
Ezek. 34. 23.
Dan. 9. 25.
Hos. 3. 5.ⁱ ch. 52. 15.
Eph. 2. 11, 12.
^j ch. 60. 5.^k ch. 60. 9.
Acts 3. 13.
^l Ps. 32. 6.
Matt. 5. 25.
& 25. 11.
John 7. 34.
& 8. 21.
2 Cor. 6. 1, 2.
Hebr. 3. 13.

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^m ch. 1. 16.
^a Heb. *the man of iniquity.*
ⁿ Zech. 8. 17.
^o Ps. 130. 7.
 Jer. 3. 12.
^p Heb. *he will multiply to pardon.*
^q 2 Sam. 7. 19.
^r Ps. 103. 11.

^r Deut. 32. 2.

^r ch. 54. 9.

^t ch. 35. 10.
 & 65. 13, 14.

^u Ps. 96. 12.
 & 98. 8.
 ch. 14. 8.
 & 35. 1, 2.
 & 42. 11.
^x 1 Chron. 16. 33.

^y ch. 41. 19.
^z Mic. 7. 4.

^a Jer. 13. 11.

^a Or, *equity.*

^a ch. 46. 13.
 Matt. 3. 2.
 & 4. 17.
 Rom. 13. 11, 12.

^b ch. 58. 13.

7 ^m Let the wicked forsake his way, and ^athe unrighteous man ⁿhis thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, ^oand he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for ^phe will abundantly pardon.

8 ¶ ^p For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 ^q For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For ^ras the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 ^s So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

12 ^t For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall ^ubreak forth before you into singing, and ^xall the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

13 ^y Instead of ^zthe thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD ^afor a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

CHAPTER LVI.

1 *The prophet exhorteth to sanctification.* 3 *He promiseth it shall be general without respect of persons.* 9 *He inveigheth against blind watchmen.*

THUS saith the LORD, Keep ye ^ajudgment, and do justice: ^afor my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it; ^bthat keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

8 ¶ Neither let ^othe son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose *the things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5 Even unto them will I give in ^dmine house and within my walls a place ^eand a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7 Even them will I ^fbring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: ^gtheir burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for ^hmine house shall be called an house of prayer ⁱfor all people.

8 The Lord God ^kwhich gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, ^lYet will I gather *others* to him, ^mbeside those that are gathered unto him.

9 ¶ ⁿAll ye beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen *are* ⁿblind: they are all ignorant, ^othey *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; ^psleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 Yea, *they are* ^qgreedy dogs *which* ^rcan never have enough, and they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

12 Come ye, *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; ^sand to morrow shall be as this day, *and* much more abundant.

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^o See Deut. 23. 1, 2, 3.
 Acts 8. 27. & 10. 1, 2, 34. & 17. 4. & 18. 7.
 1 Pet. 1. 1.

^d 1 Tim. 3. 15.

^e John 1. 12.
 1 John 3. 1.

^f ch. 2. 2.
 1 Pet. 1. 1, 2.

^g Rom. 12. 1.
 Hebr. 13. 15.
 1 Pet. 2. 5.

^h Matt. 21. 13.
 Mark 11. 17.
 Luke 19. 46.

ⁱ Mal. 1. 11.

^k Ps. 147. 2.

ch. 11. 12.

^l John 10. 16.
 Eph. 1. 10.
 & 2. 14, 15, 16.

^m Heb. *to his gathered.*

ⁿ Jer. 12. 9.

^o Matt. 15. 14.
 & 23. 16.

^p Phil. 3. 2.

^q Or, *dreaming, or, talking in their sleep.*

^r Heb. *strong of appetite.*

^s Mic. 3. 11.

^t Heb. *know not to be satisfied.*

^u Ezek. 34. 2, 3.

^v Ps. 10. 6.
 Prov. 23. 35.
 ch. 22. 13.
 Luke 12. 19.
 1 Cor. 15. 32.

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CHAPTER LVII.

1 *The blessed death of the righteous.* 3 *God reproveth the Jews for their whorish idolatry.* 13 *He giveth evangelical promises to the penitent.*

THE righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and ²merciful men are taken away, ^bnone considering that the righteous is taken away ³from the evil to come.

2 He shall ⁴enter into peace: they shall rest in ^ctheir beds, *each one walking ^bin his uprightness.*

3 ¶ But draw near hither, ^dye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.

4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, *and* draw out the tongue? *are* ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

5 Enflaming yourselves ^ewith idols ^eunder every green tree, ^fslaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?

6 Among the smooth *stones* of the stream *is* thy portion; they, they *are* thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

7 ^gUpon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set ^hthy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.

8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered *thyself to another* than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and ⁱmade thee *a covenant* with them; ^jthou lovedst their bed ^kwhere thou sawest it.

9 And ^lthou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thyself even* unto hell.

10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; ^myet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the ⁿlife of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

11 And ^oof whom hast thou been

afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? ^phave not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

13 ¶ When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take *them*: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

14 And shall say, ^qCast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, ^rwhose name *is* Holy; ^sI dwell in the high and holy *place*, ^twith him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, ^uto revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 ^vFor I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls ^wwhich I have made.

17 For the iniquity of ^xhis covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: ^yI hid me, and was wroth, ^zand he went on ^{aa}frowardly in the way of his heart.

18 I have seen his ways, and ^{ab}will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to ^{ac}his mourners.

19 I create ^{ad}the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace ^{ae}to him *that is* far off, and to him *that is* near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

20 ^{af}But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 ^{ag}There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

CHAPTER LVIII.

1 *The prophet, being sent to reprove hypocrisy,* 3 *expresseth a counterfeit fast and a true.* 8 *He declareth what promises are due unto godliness,* 13 *and to the keeping of the sabbath.*

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¹ Ps. 50. 21.

² ch. 40. 3. & 62. 10.

³ Job 6. 10. Luke 1. 49.

⁴ Ps. 68. 4. Zech. 2. 13.

⁵ Ps. 34. 18. & 51. 17. & 138. 6. ch. 66. 2.

⁶ Ps. 147. 3. ch. 61. 1.

⁷ Ps. 85. 5. & 103. 9. Mic. 7. 18.

⁸ Num. 16. 22. Job 34. 14. Hebr. 12. 9.

⁹ Jer. 6. 13.

¹⁰ ch. 8. 17. & 45. 15.

¹¹ ch. 9. 13.

¹² Heb. *turning away.*

¹³ Jer. 3. 22.

¹⁴ ch. 61. 2.

¹⁵ Hebr. 13. 15.

¹⁶ Acts 2. 39. Eph. 2. 17.

¹⁷ Job 15. 20, &c. Prov. 4. 16.

¹⁸ ch. 48. 22.

^a Heb. *men of kindness, or, godliness.*

^b Ps. 12. 1. Mic. 7. 2.

^c 1 Kin. 14. 13. See 2 Kings 22. 20.

^d Or, *from that which is evil.*

^e Or, *go in peace,* Luke 2. 29.

^f 2 Chron. 16. 14.

^g Or, *before him.*

^h Matt. 16. 4.

ⁱ Or, *among the oaks,* ch. 1. 29.

^j 2 Kin. 16. 4. & 17. 10. Jer. 2. 20.

^k Lev. 18. 21. & 20. 2. 2 Kin. 16. 3. & 23. 10. Jer. 7. 31. Ezek. 16. 20. & 20. 26.

^l Ezek. 16. 16, 25.

^m Ezek. 23. 41.

ⁿ Or, *hewed it for thyself larger than their's.*

^o Ezek. 16. 26, 28. & 23. 2,—20.

^p Or, *thou providedst room.*

^q Or, *thou respectedst the king.*

^r ch. 30. 6. Ezek. 16. 33. & 23. 16. Hos. 7. 11. & 12. 1.

^s Jer. 2. 25.

^t Or, *living.*

^u ch. 51. 12, 13.

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cir. 698.^a Heb. *with the throat.*^a Mal. 3. 14.^b Lev. 16. 29, 31. & 23. 27.^c Or, *things wherewith ye grieve others.*^d Heb. *grieves.*^e 1 Kin. 21. 9, 12, 13.^f Or, *ye fast not as this day.*^g Zech. 7. 5.^h Lev. 16. 29.ⁱ Or, *to afflict his soul for a day?*^j Esth. 4. 3.^k Job 2. 8.^l Dan. 9. 3.^m Jonah 3. 6.ⁿ Neh. 5. 10, 11, 12.^o Heb. *the bundles of the yoke.*^p Jer. 34. 9.^q Heb. *broken.*^r Ezek. 18. 7, 16. Matt. 25. 35.^s Or, *afflicted.*^t Job 31. 19.^u Gen. 29. 14.^v Neh. 5. 5.^w Job 11. 17.^x Ex. 14. 19. ch. 52. 12.^y Heb. *shall gather thee up.*^z Ps. 12. 2.

CRY ^aaloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

³ ¶ ^aWherefore have we fasted, *say they*, and thou seest not? *wherefore* have we ^bafflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your ³labours.

⁴ °Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ⁵ye shall not fast as *ye do this* day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is it ^dsuch a fast that I have chosen? ^ea day for a man to afflict his soul? *is it* to bow down his head as a bulrush, and ^fto spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

⁶ *Is* not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, ^gto undo ^hthe heavy burdens, and ⁱto let the ^joppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

⁷ *Is it* not ^kto deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are ^lcast out to thy house? ^mwhen thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from ⁿthine own flesh?

⁸ ¶ ^oThen shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; ^pthe glory of the LORD ^qshall be thy rereward.

⁹ Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I *am*. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and ^rspeaking vanity;

¹⁰ And *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noon day:

¹¹ And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in ^sdrought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters ^tfail not.

¹² And *they that shall be* of thee ^ushall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

¹³ ¶ If ^vthou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words:

¹⁴ Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ^wride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: ^xfor the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

CHAPTER LIX.

¹ The damnable nature of sin. ³ The sins of the Jews. ⁹ Calamity is for sin. ¹⁶ Salvation is only of God. ²⁰ The covenant of the Redeemer.

BEHOLD, the LORD's hand is not ^yshortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

² But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins ^zhave hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

³ For ^ayour hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

⁴ None calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for truth: they trust in

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cir. 698.^a Heb. *droughts.*^b Heb. *lie, or, deceive.*^c ch. 61. 4.^d ch. 56. 2.^e Job 22. 26.^f Deut. 32. 13. & 33. 29.^g ch. 1. 20. & 40. 5. Mic. 4. 4.^h Num. 11. 23. ch. 50. 2.ⁱ Or, *have made him hide.*^j ch. 1. 15.

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^c Job 15. 35.
Ps. 7. 14.

^a Or, *adders*'.

^a Or, *that which is sprinkled is as if there brake out a viper.*

^d Job 8. 14, 15.

^c Prov. 1. 16.
Rom. 3. 15.

^a Heb.
breaking.

^a Or, *right.*

^c Ps. 125. 5.
Prov. 2. 15.

^c Jer. 8. 15.

^b Deut. 28. 29.
Job 5. 14.
Amos 8. 9.

ⁱ ch. 38. 14.
Ezek. 7. 16.

^a Matt. 12. 34.

vanity, and speak lies; ^cthey conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5 They hatch ^acockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and ^athat which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.

6 ^dTheir webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works *are* works of iniquity, and the act of violence *is* in their hands.

7 ^cTheir feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; wasting and ^adestruction *are* in their paths.

8 The way of peace they know not; and *there is* no ^ajudgment in their goings: ^cthey have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

9 ¶ Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: ^awe wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness.

10 ^bWe grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; *we are* in desolate places as dead *men*.

11 We roar all like bears, and ⁱmourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but *there is* none; for salvation, *but* it is far off from us.

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions *are* with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we know them;

13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering ^kfrom the heart words of falsehood.

14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

15 Yea, truth faileth; and he *that*

departeth from evil ^amaketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw *it*, and ^ait displeased him that *there was* no judgment.

16 ¶ ⁱAnd he saw that *there was* no man, and ^mwondered that *there was* no intercessor: ⁿtherefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

17 ^cFor he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

18 ^pAccording to *their* ^adeeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

19 ^qSo shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in ^rlike a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall ^blift up a standard against him.

20 ¶ And ^sthe Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

21 ^tAs for me, this *is* my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

CHAPTER LX.

¹ *The glory of the church in the abundant access of the Gentiles, 15 and the great blessings after a short affliction.*

ARISE, ^ashine; for thy light is come, and ^bthe glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

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^a Or, *is accounted mad.*

^a Heb. *it was evil in his eyes.*

ⁱ Ezek. 22. 30.

^m Mark 6. 6.

ⁿ Ps. 98. 1.
ch. 63. 5.

^c Eph. 6. 14, 17.
¹ Thess. 5. 8.

^p ch. 63. 6.

^a Heb. *recompences.*

^q Ps. 113. 3.
Mal. 1. 11.

^r Rev. 12. 15.

^a Or, *put him to flight.*

^a Rom. 11. 26.

^t Hebr. 8. 10.
& 10. 16.

^a Eph. 5. 14.

^a Or, *he enlightened; for thy light cometh.*

^b Mal. 4. 2.

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^o ch. 49. 6, 23.
Rev. 21. 24.

^d ch. 49. 18.

^o ch. 49. 20, 21,
22. & 66. 12.

^r Rom. 11. 25.

^s Or, *noise of the sea shall be turned toward thee.*

^s Or, *wealth*,
ver. 11.
ch. 61. 6.

^g Gen. 25. 4.

^h Ps. 72. 10.

ⁱ ch. 61. 6.
Matt. 2. 11.

^k Gen. 25. 13.

^l Hag. 2. 7, 9.

^m Ps. 72. 10.
ch. 42. 4.
& 51. 5.

ⁿ Gal. 4. 26.

^o Ps. 68. 30.
Zech. 14. 14.

^p Jor. 3. 17.

^q ch. 55. 5.

^r Zech. 6. 15.

^s ch. 49. 23.
Rev. 21. 24.

^t ch. 57. 17.

^u ch. 54. 7, 8.

^x Rev. 21. 25.

^y Or, *wealth*,
ver. 5.

^z Zech. 14. 17,
19.
Matt. 21. 44.

^a ch. 35. 2.
& 41. 19.

8 And the ^oGentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 ^dLift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, ^ethey come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because ^fthe ²abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the ³forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and ^gEphah; all they from ^hSheba shall come: they shall bring ⁱgold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

7 All the flocks of ^kKedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and ^lI will glorify the house of my glory.

8 Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

9 ^mSurely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, ⁿto bring thy sons from far, ^otheir silver and their gold with them, ^punto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, ^qbecause he hath glorified thee.

10 And ^rthe sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, ^sand their kings shall minister unto thee: for ^tin my wrath I smote thee, ^ubut in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

11 Therefore thy gates ^xshall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that *men* may bring unto thee the ^yforces of the Gentiles, and *that* their kings *may* be brought.

12 ^zFor the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, *those* nations shall be utterly wasted.

13 ^aThe glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the

pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make ^athe place of my feet glorious.

14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall ^bbow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, ^cThe Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, ^dand shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that ^eI the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call ^fthy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

19 The ^gsun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and ^hthy God thy glory.

20 ⁱThy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21 ^kThy people also *shall be* all righteous: ^lthey shall inherit the land for ever, ^mthe branch of my planting, ⁿthe work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22 ^oA little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

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^a See 1 Chron.
28. 2.
Ps. 132. 7.

^b ch. 49. 23.
Rev. 3. 9.

^c Hebr. 12. 22.
Rev. 14. 1.

^d ch. 49. 23.
& 61. 6. &
66. 11, 12.
^e ch. 43. 3.

^f ch. 26. 1.

^g Rev. 21. 23.
& 22. 5.

^h Zech. 2. 5.

ⁱ See Amos 8. 9.

^k ch. 52. 1.
Rev. 21. 27.

^l Ps. 37. 11, 22.
Matt. 5. 5.

^m ch. 61. 3.
Matt. 15. 13.
John 15. 2.

ⁿ ch. 29. 23.
& 45. 11.
Eph. 2. 10.

^o Matt. 13. 31,
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CHAPTER LXI.

1 *The office of Christ.* 4 *The forwardness,
7 and blessings of the faithful.*

THE ^aSpirit of the Lord God *is* upon me; because the LORD ^bhath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me ^cto bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim ^dliberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound*;

2 ^eTo proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and ^fthe day of vengeance of our God; ^gto comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, ^hto give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, ⁱthe planting of the LORD, ^kthat he might be glorified.

4 ^lAnd they shall ^mbuild the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 And ⁿstrangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 ^oBut ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ^pye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

7 ^qFor your shame *ye shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

8 For ^rI the LORD love judgment, ^sI hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, ^tand I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them,

^uthat they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed.

10 ^vI will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for ^whe hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, ^xas a bridegroom ^ydecketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause ^zrighteousness and ^{aa}praise to spring forth before all the nations.

CHAPTER LXII.

1 *The fervent desire of the prophet to confirm the church in God's promises.* 5 *The office of the ministers (unto which they are incited) in preaching the gospel, 10 and preparing the people thereto.*

FOR Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth.

2 ^{ab}And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: ^{ac}and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

3 Thou shalt also be ^{ad}a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 ^{ae}Thou shalt no more be termed ^{af}Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed ^{ag}Desolate: but thou shalt be called ^{ah}Hephzi-bah, and thy land ^{ai}Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

5 ^{aj}For *as* a young man marrieth a virgin, *so* shall thy sons marry thee: and ^{ak}as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, *so* ^{al}shall thy God rejoice over thee.

6 ^{am}I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor

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^{at} ch. 65. 23.
^{au} Hab. 3. 18.
^{av} Ps. 132. 9, 16.

^{aw} ch. 49. 18.
Rev. 21. 2.
^{ax} Heb. *decketh as a priest.*

^{ay} Ps. 72. 3.
& 85. 11.
^{az} ch. 60. 18.
& 62. 7.

^{ba} ch. 60. 3.

^{bb} See ver. 4, 12.
ch. 65. 15.

^{bc} Zech. 9. 16.

^{bd} Hos. 1. 10.
1 Pet. 2. 10.
^{be} ch. 49. 14.
& 54. 6, 7.
^{bf} ch. 54. 1.

^{bg} That is, *My delight is in her.*
^{bh} That is, *Married.*

^{bi} Heb. *with the joy of the bridegroom.*
^{bj} ch. 65. 19.

^{bk} Ezek. 3. 17.
& 33. 7.

^a ch. 11. 2.
Luke 4. 18.
John 1. 32.
& 3. 34.
^b Ps. 45. 7.
^c Ps. 147. 3.
ch. 57. 15.
^d ch. 42. 7.
See Jer. 34. 8.

^e See Lev. 25. 9.
^f ch. 34. 8. &
63. 4. & 66. 14.
Mal. 4. 1, 3.
2 Thess. 1. 7,
8, 9.
^g ch. 57. 18.
Matt. 5. 4.
^h Ps. 30. 11.

ⁱ ch. 60. 21.
^k John 15. 8.

^l ch. 49. 8.
& 58. 12.
Ezek. 36. 33,
—36.

^m Eph. 2. 12.

ⁿ Ex. 19. 6.
ch. 60. 17.
& 66. 21.
1 Pet. 2. 5, 9.
Rev. 1. 6.
& 5. 10.
^o ch. 60. 5, 11,
16.

^p ch. 40. 2.
Zech. 9. 12.

^q Ps. 11. 7.
^r ch. 1. 11, 13.

^s ch. 55. 3.

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² Or, *ye that are the LORD's remembrancers.*

³ Heb. *silence.*

¹ ch. 61. 11.
Zeph. 3. 20.

⁴ Heb. *If I give, &c.*

⁵ Deut. 28. 31, &c.
Jer. 5. 17.

¹ See Deut. 12. 12.
& 14. 23, 26.
& 16. 11, 14.

^m ch. 40. 3.
& 57. 14.

ⁿ ch. 11. 12.

² Zech. 9. 9.
Matt. 21. 5.
John 12. 15.

³ ch. 40. 10.
Rev. 22. 12.

⁴ Or, *recompence.*

⁵ ver. 4.

⁶ Heb. *decked.*

^a Rev. 19. 13.

^b Lam. 1. 15.
Rev. 14. 19, 20.
& 19. 15.

night: ²ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,

7 And give him no ³rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem ¹a praise in the earth.

8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, ⁴Surely I will no more ^kgive thy corn *to be* meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it ¹in the courts of my holiness.

10 ¶ Go through, go through the gates; ^mprepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; ⁿlift up a standard for the people.

11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, ^oSay ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his ^preward *is* with him, and his ⁵work before him.

12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city ^anot forsaken.

CHAPTER LXIII.

1 Christ sheweth who he is, 2 what his victory over his enemies, 7 and what his mercy toward his church. 10 In his just wrath he remembereth his free mercy. 15 The church in their prayer, 17 and complaint, profess their faith.

WHO *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* ⁶glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore ^a*art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

8 I have ^btrodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in

my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4 For the ^cday of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed *is* come.

5 ^dAnd I looked, and ^e*there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own ^farm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and ^gmake them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

7 ¶ I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

9 ^hIn all their affliction he was afflicted, ⁱand the angel of his presence saved them: ^kin his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and ¹he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

10 ¶ But they ^mrebelled, and ⁿvexed his holy Spirit: ^otherefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.

11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where *is* he that ^pbrought them up out of the sea with the ²shepherd of his flock? ^qwhere *is* he that put his holy Spirit within him?

12 That led *them* by the right hand of Moses ^rwith his glorious arm, ^sdividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

13 ^tThat led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, *that* they should not stumble?

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused

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^o ch. 34. 8.
& 61. 2.

^d ch. 41. 28.
& 59. 16.
^e John 16. 32.

^f Ps. 98. 1.
ch. 59. 16.

^g Rev. 16. 6.

^h Judg. 10. 16.
Zech. 2. 8.
Acts 9. 4.

ⁱ Ex. 14. 19.
& 23. 20, 21.
& 33. 14.

Mal. 3. 1.
Acts 12. 11.

² Deut. 7. 7, 8.

³ Ex. 19. 4.
Deut. 1. 31.

& 32. 11, 12.
ch. 46. 3, 4.

^m Ex. 15. 24.
Num. 14. 11.

Ps. 78. 56.
& 95. 9.

ⁿ Ps. 78. 40.
Acts 1. 51.

Eph. 4. 30.

^o Ex. 23. 21.

^p Ex. 14. 30.
& 32. 11, 12.

Num. 14. 13,
14, &c.

Jer. 2. 6.

^q Or, *shepherds*,
as Ps. 77. 20.

^r Num. 11. 17,
25.

Neh. 9. 20.
Dan. 4. 8.

Hag. 2. 5.

^s Ex. 15. 6.
^t Ex. 14. 21.

Josh. 3. 16.
^u Ps. 106. 9.

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^u 2 Sam. 7. 23.
^x Deut. 26. 15.
Ps. 80. 14.
^y Ps. 33. 14.

^a Or, *the multitude.*
^s Jer. 31. 20.
Hos. 11. 8.

^a Deut. 32. 6.
1 Chron. 29.
10. ch. 64. 8.
^b Job 14. 21.
Eccles. 9. 5.

^s Or, *our redeemer from everlasting in thy name.*
^c Ps. 119. 10.

^d See ch. 6. 10,
with John 12.
40.
Rom. 9. 18.
^e Num. 10. 36.
Ps. 90. 13.

^f Deut. 7. 6.
& 26. 19.
ch. 62. 12.
Dan. 8. 24.
^g Ps. 74. 7.

^h Or, *thy name was not called upon them,*
ch. 65. 1.

^a Ps. 144. 5.

^b Judg. 5. 5.
Mic. 1. 4.

^c Heb. *the fire of meltings.*

^e Ex. 34. 10.
Judg. 5. 4, 5.
Ps. 68. 8.
Hab. 3. 3, 6.

^d Ps. 31. 19.
1 Cor. 2. 9.

^g Or, *seen a God beside thee, which doeth so for him, &c.*

him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, ^ato make thyself a glorious name.

15 ¶ ^aLook down from heaven, and behold ^yfrom the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where ^{is} thy zeal and thy strength, ^zthe sounding ^aof thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?

16 ^aDoubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham ^bbe ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, *art* our father, ^zour redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting.

17 ¶ O LORD, why hast thou ^amade us to err from thy ways, and ^dhardened our heart from thy fear? ^aReturn for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

18 ^fThe people of thy holiness have possessed *it* but a little while: ^gour adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.

19 We are *thine*: thou never barrest rule over them; ^hthey were not called by thy name.

CHAPTER LXIV.

1 *The church prayeth for the illustration of God's power. 5 Celebrating God's mercy, it maketh confession of their natural corruptions. 9 It complaineth of their affliction.*

OH that thou wouldest ^arend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that ^bthe mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2 As *when* ^cthe melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at thy presence!

3 When ^ethou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world ^dmen have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye ^eseen, O God, beside thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth

^aand worketh righteousness, ^f*those that* remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: ^gin those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all ^hour righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do ⁱfade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7 And ^k*there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast ^zconsumed us, ^zbecause of our iniquities.

8 ^lBut now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, ^mand thou our potter; and we all *are* ⁿthe work of thy hand.

9 ¶ Be not ^awroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, ^bwe *are* all thy people.

10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, ^cJerusalem a desolation.

11 ^dOur holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all ^eour pleasant things are laid waste.

12 ^fWilt thou refrain thyself for these *things*, O LORD? ^gwilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

CHAPTER LXV.

1 *The calling of the Gentiles. 2 The Jews, for their incredulity, idolatry, and hypocrisy, are rejected. 8 A remnant shall be saved. 11 Judgments on the wicked, and blessings on the godly. 17 The blessed state of the new Jerusalem.*

I^aAM sought of *them that* asked not for me; I am found of *them that* sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation *that* ^bwas not called by my name.

2 ^cI have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts;

3 A people ^dthat provoketh me to anger continually to my face; ^ethat

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^a Acts 10. 35.
^f ch. 26. 8.
^g Mal. 3. 6.

^h Phil. 3. 9.

ⁱ Ps. 90. 5, 6.

^k Hos. 7. 7.

^z Heb. *melted.*
^z Heb. *by the hand:* as
Job 8. 4.

^l ch. 63. 16.

^m ch. 29. 16.

& 45. 9.

Jer. 18. 6.

Rom. 9. 20, 21.

ⁿ Eph. 2. 10.

^o Ps. 74. 1, 2.
& 79. 8.

^p Ps. 79. 13.

^q Ps. 79. 1.

^r 2 Kin. 25. 9.
2 Chron. 36.
19. Ps. 74. 7.

^s Ezek. 24. 21,
25.

^t ch. 42. 14.

^u Ps. 83. 1.

^a Rom. 9. 24,
25, 26, 30.
& 10. 20.
Eph. 2. 12, 13.

^b ch. 63. 19.

^c Rom. 10. 21.

^d Deut. 32. 21.
^e ch. 1. 29. &
66. 17.
See Lev. 17. 5.

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^a Heb. *upon bricks.*
^f Deut. 18. 11.
^g ch. 66. 17.
^h See Lev. 11. 7.
ⁱ Or, *pieces.*
^j See Matt. 9. 11.
^k Luke 5. 30.
^l & 18. 11.
^m Jude 19.
ⁿ Or, *anger.*
^o Deut. 32. 34.
^p Mal. 3. 16.
^q Ps. 50. 3.
^r Ps. 79. 12.
^s Jer. 16. 18.
^t Ezek. 11. 21.
^u Ex. 20. 5.

^v Ezek. 18. 6.
^w Ezek. 20. 27, 28.

^x Joel 2. 14.

^y ver. 15, 22.
^z Matt. 24. 22.
^{aa} Rom. 11. 5, 7.
^{ab} ch. 33. 9.
^{ac} & 35. 2.
^{ad} Josh. 7. 24,
^{ae} 26. Hos. 2. 15.

^{af} ch. 56. 7. &
^{ag} 57. 13.
^{ah} ver. 25.

^{ai} Ezek. 23. 41.
^{aj} 1 Cor. 10. 21.
^{ak} Or, *Gad.*
^{al} Or, *Meni.*

^{am} 2 Chron. 36.
^{an} 15, 16.
^{ao} Prov. 1. 24,
^{ap} &c. ch. 66. 4.
^{aq} Jer. 7. 13.
^{ar} Zech. 7. 7.
^{as} Matt. 21. 34,
^{at} —43.

sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense ² upon altars of brick ;

4 ^f Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, ^g which eat swine's flesh, and ^h broth of abominable *things is in* their vessels ;

5 ⁱ Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me ; for I am holier than thou. These *are* a smoke in my ^j nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

6 Behold, ^k *it is* written before me : ^l I will not keep silence, ^m but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,

7 Your iniquities, and ⁿ the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, ^o which have burned incense upon the mountains, ^p and blasphemed me upon the hills : therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

8 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* saith, Destroy it not ; for ^q a blessing *is* in it : so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains : and mine ^r elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

10 And ^s Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and ^t the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

11 ¶ But ye *are* they that forsake the LORD, that forget ^u my holy mountain, that prepare ^v a table for that ^w troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that ^x number.

12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter : ^y because when I called, ye did not answer ; when I spake, ye did not hear ; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry : behold, my servants shall drink, but

ye shall be thirsty : behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed :

14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and ^z shall howl for ^{aa} vexation of spirit.

15 And ye shall leave your name ^{ab} for a curse unto ^{ac} my chosen : for the Lord God shall slay thee, and ^{ad} call his servants by another name :

16 ^{ae} That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth ; and ^{af} he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth ; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

17 ¶ For, behold, I create ^{ag} new heavens and a new earth : and the former shall not be remembered, nor ^{ah} come into mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create : for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And ^{ai} I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people : and the ^{aj} voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days : for the child shall die an hundred years old ; ^{ak} but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 And ^{al} they shall build houses, and inhabit *them* ; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit ; they shall not plant, and another eat : for ^{am} as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and ^{an} mine elect ^{ao} shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, ^{ap} nor bring forth for trouble ; for ^{aq} they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

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^{ar} Matt. 8. 12.
^{as} Luke 13. 28.

^{at} Heb.
^{au} *breaking.*

^{av} See Jer. 29. 22.
^{aw} Zech. 8. 13.

^{ax} ver. 9, 22.
^{ay} ch. 62. 2.
^{az} Acts 11. 26.

^{ba} Ps. 72. 17.
^{bb} Jer. 4. 2.

^{bc} Deut. 6. 13.
^{bd} Ps. 63. 11.
^{be} ch. 19. 18.
^{bf} & 45. 23.
^{bg} Zeph. 1. 5.

^{bh} ch. 51. 16.
^{bi} & 66. 22.
^{bj} 2 Pet. 3. 13.
^{bk} Rev. 21. 1.

^{bl} Heb. *come upon the heart.*

^{bm} ch. 62. 5.

^{bn} ch. 35. 10.
^{bo} & 51. 11.
^{bp} Rev. 7. 17.
^{bq} & 21. 4.

^{br} Eccles. 8. 12.

^{bs} See Lev. 26. 16.
^{bt} Deut. 28. 30.
^{bu} ch. 62. 8.
^{bv} Amos 9. 14.

^{bw} Ps. 92. 12.

^{bx} ver. 9, 15.
^{by} Heb. *shall make them continue long, or, shall wear out.*

^{bz} Deut. 28. 41.
^{ca} Hos. 9. 12.
^{cb} ch. 61. 9.

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^o Ps. 32. 5.
Dan. 9. 21.
^p ch. 11. 6, 7, 9.

^q Gen. 3. 14.

^a 1 Kin. 8. 27.
² Chron. 6. 18.
Matt. 5. 34,
35.
Acts 7. 48, 49.
& 17. 24.

^b ch. 57. 15.
& 61. 1.
^c Ps. 34. 18.
& 51. 17.

^d Ezra 9. 4.
& 10. 3.
Prov. 28. 14.
ver. 5.

^e ch. 1. 11.
^f Or, *kid*.
^g Deut. 23. 18.

^h Heb. *maketh a memorial of*, Lev. 2. 2.

ⁱ Or, *devices*.

^j Prov. 1. 24.
ch. 65. 12.
Jer. 7. 13.

^k ver. 2.

^l ch. 5. 19.
^m 2 Thess. 1. 10.
Tit. 2. 13.

24 And it shall come to pass, that ^o before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The ^p wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: ^q and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER LXVI.

1 The glorious God will be served in humble sincerity. 5 He comforteth the humble with the marvellous generation, 10 and with the gracious benefits of the church. 15 God's severe judgments against the wicked. 19 The Gentiles shall have an holy church, 24 and see the damnation of the wicked.

THUS saith the LORD, ^a The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: ^b but to this man will I look, ^c even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and ^d trembleth at my word.

3 ^e He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a ^f lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that ^g burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

4 I also will choose their ^h delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; ⁱ because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

5 ^j Hear the word of the LORD, ^k ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but ^l he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies.

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not ² cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the ³ abundance of her glory.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, ¹ I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye ^m suck, ye shall be ⁿ borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and ^o your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

15 ^p For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by ^q his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

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^a Or, *beget*?

^b Or, *brightness*.

¹ ch. 48. 18.
& 60. 5.

^m ch. 60. 16.
ⁿ ch. 49. 22.
& 60. 4.

^o See Ezek. 37. 1, &c.

^p ch. 9. 5.
2 Thess. 1. 8.

^q ch. 27. 1.

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^r ch. 65. 3, 4.
^s Or, *one after another.*

^a Luke 2. 34.

^t Mal. 1. 11.

^u Rom. 15. 16.

^s Or, *coaches.*

17 ^r They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens ^s behind one *tree* in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.

18 For I *know* their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

19 ^a And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, *to* Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, *to* Tubal, and Javan, *to* the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; ^t and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

20 And they shall bring all your brethren ^u *for* an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in ^s litters, and

upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.

21 And I will also take of them for ^x priests *and* for Levites, saith the LORD.

22 For as ^y the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23 And ^z it shall come to pass, *that* ² from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, ^a shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

24 And they shall go forth, and look upon ^b the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their ^c worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

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^x Ex. 19. 6.
ch. 61. 6.
1 Pet. 2. 9.
Rev. 1. 6.
^y ch. 65. 17.
^z Pet. 3. 13.
Rev. 21. 1.

^z Zech. 14. 16.

^a Heb. *from new moon to his new moon, and from sabbath to his sabbath.*
^b Ps. 65. 2.

^b ver. 16.

^c Mark 9. 44, 46, 48.

THE BOOK

OF THE

PROPHET JEREMIAH.

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CHAPTER I.

¹ *The time, 3 and the calling of Jeremiah. 11 His prophetic visions of an almond rod and a seething pot. 15 His heavy message against Judah. 17 God encourageth him with his promise of assistance.*

THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were ^ain Anathoth in the land of Benjamin :

² To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, ^bin the thirteenth year of his reign.

³ It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, ^cunto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, ^dunto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive ^ein the fifth month.

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

⁵ Before I ^fformed thee in the belly ^gI knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I ^hsanctified thee, and I ⁱordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

⁶ Then said I, ^jAh, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.

⁷ ¶ But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and ^kwhatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

⁸ ^lBe not afraid of their faces: for ^mI *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

⁹ Then the LORD put forth his hand, and ⁿtouched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Be-

hold, I have ^oput my words in thy mouth.

¹⁰ ^pSee, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to ^qroot out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

¹¹ ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.

¹² Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

¹³ And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see ^ra seething pot; and the face thereof is ^stoward the north.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the ^tnorth an evil ^ushall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

¹⁵ For, lo, I will ^vcall all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall ^wset every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

¹⁶ And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, ^xwho have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

¹⁷ ¶ Thou therefore ^ygird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: ^zbe not dismayed at their faces, lest I ^{aa}confound thee before them.

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^o Isai. 51. 16.
ch. 5. 14.
^p 1 Kin. 19. 17.
^q ch. 18. 7.
² Cor. 10. 4, 5.

^r Ezek. 11. 3, 7.
& 24. 3.
^s Heb. *from the face of the north.*
^t ch. 4. 6. & 6. 1.
^u Heb. *shall be opened.*
^v ch. 5. 15. & 6. 22. & 10. 22. & 25. 9.

^w ch. 39. 3. & 43. 10.

^x Deut. 28. 20.
ch. 17. 13.

^y 1 Kin. 18. 46.
2 Kin. 4. 29.
& 9. 1.
Job 38. 3.
Luke 12. 35.
1 Pet. 1. 13.

^z Ex. 3. 12.
ver. 8.
Ezek. 2. 6.

^{aa} Or, *break to pieces.*

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^a Isai. 50. 7.
ch. 6. 27. &
15. 20.

^b ver. 8.

18 For, behold, I have made thee this day ^aa defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; ^bfor I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

CHAPTER II.

¹ God, having shewed his former kindness, expostulateth with the Jews their causeless revolt, ⁹ beyond any example. ¹⁴ They are the causes of their own calamities. ²⁰ The sins of Judah. ³¹ Her confidence is rejected.

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember ²thee, the kindness of thy ^ayouth, the love of thine espousals, ^bwhen thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.

3 ^cIsrael *was* holiness unto the LORD, and ^dthe firstfruits of his increase: ^eall that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, ^fWhat iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, ^gand have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

6 Neither said they, Where *is* the LORD that ^hbrought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through ⁱthe wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into ^ja plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye ^kdefiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

8 The priests said not, Where *is* the LORD? and they that handle the ^mlaw knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, ⁿand the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that* ^odo not profit.

9 ¶ Wherefore ^pI will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and ^qwith your children's children will I plead.

10 For pass ^rover the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

11 ^rHath a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* ^syet no gods? ^tbut my people have changed their glory for ^u*that which* doth not profit.

12 ^vBe astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD.

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the ^vfountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

14 ¶ *Is* Israel ^wa servant? *is* he a homeborn *slave*? why is he ^xspoiled?

15 ^yThe young lions roared upon him, and ^zyelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.

16 Also the children of Noph and ^{aa}Tahapanes ^{ab}have broken the crown of thy head.

17 ^{ac}Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when ^{ad}he led thee by the way?

18 And now what hast thou to do ^{ae}in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of ^{af}Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

19 Thine own ^{ag}wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that *it is* an evil *thing* and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear *is* not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts.

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^{ma} Mal. 2. 6, 7.
Rom. 2. 20.
^{mb} ch. 23. 13.

^{mc} ver. 11.
Hab. 2. 18.

^{md} Ezek. 20. 35,
36. Mic. 6. 2.

^{me} Ex. 20. 5.
Lev. 20. 5.

^{mf} Or, *over to*.

^{mg} Mic. 4. 5.

^{mh} Ps. 115. 4.
Isai. 37. 19.
ch. 16. 20.

^{mi} Ps. 106. 20.
Rom. 1. 23.
^{mj} ver. 8.

^{mk} Isai. 1. 2.
ch. 6. 19.

^{ml} Ps. 36. 9.
ch. 17. 13.
& 18. 14.
John 4. 14.

^{mn} See Ex. 4. 22.

^{mo} Heb. become
a spoil?

^{mp} Isai. 1. 7.
ch. 4. 7.

^{mq} Heb. *gave out*
their voice.

^{mr} ch. 43. 7, 8, 9.

^{ms} Or, *feed on*
thy crown,
Deut. 33. 20.
Isai. 8. 8.

^{mt} ch. 4. 18.

^{mu} Deut. 32. 10.

^{mv} Isai. 30. 1, 2.

^{mw} Josh. 13. 3.

^{mx} Isai. 3. 9.
Hos. 5. 5.

^a Or, *for thy*
sake.

^b Ezek. 16. 8, 22,
60. & 23. 3, 8,
19. Hos. 2. 15.

^c Deut. 2. 7.

^d Ex. 19. 5, 6.

^e Jam. 1. 18.
Rev. 14. 4.

^f ch. 12. 14.
See ch. 50. 7.

^g Isai. 5. 4.
Mic. 6. 3.

^h 2 Kin. 17. 15.
Jonah 2. 8.

ⁱ Isai. 63. 9,
11, 13.
Hos. 13. 4.

^j Deut. 8. 15.
& 32. 10.

^k Or, *the land*
of Carmel.

^l Num. 13. 27.
& 14. 7, 8.
Deut. 8. 7, 8, 9.

^m Lev. 18. 25,
27, 28. Num.
35. 33, 34.
Ps. 78. 58, 59.
& 106. 38.
ch. 3. 1. &
16. 18.

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^b Ex. 19. 8.
Josh. 24. 18.
Judg. 10. 16.
1 Sam. 12. 10.
^a Or, *serve*.
ⁱ Deut. 12. 2.
Isai. 57. 5, 7.
ch. 3. 6.
^k Ex. 34. 15, 16.
ⁱ Ex. 15. 17.
Ps. 44. 2. &
80. 8.
Isai. 5. 1, &c.
& 60. 21.
Matt. 21. 33.
Mark 12. 1.
Luke 20. 9.
^m Deut. 32. 32.
Isai. 1. 21.
& 5. 4.
ⁿ Job 9. 30.
^o Deut. 32. 34.
Job 14. 17.
Hos. 13. 12.
^p Prov. 30. 12.
^q ch. 7. 31.
^r Or, *O swift dromedary*.
^r Job 39. 5, &c.
ch. 14. 6.
^s Or, *O wild ass, &c.*
^t Heb. *taught*.
^u Heb. *the desire of her heart*.
^v Or, *reverse it?*

^a ch. 18. 12.
^b Or,
Is the case desperate?
^c Deut. 32. 16.
ch. 3. 13.

^g Or,
begotten me.
^h Heb. *the hinder part of the neck*.
ⁱ Judg. 10. 10.
Ps. 78. 34.
Isai. 26. 16.
^j Deut. 32. 37.
Judg. 10. 14.
^k Isai. 45. 20.
^l Heb. *evil*.
^m ch. 11. 13.

ⁿ ver. 23, 35.

20 ¶ For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands; and ^hthou saidst, I will not ^atransgress; when ⁱupon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, ^kplaying the harlot.

21 Yet I had ⁱplanted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into ^mthe degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

22 For though thou ⁿwash thee with nitre, and take thee much sope, *yet* ^othine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God.

23 ^pHow canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way ^qin the valley, know what thou hast done: ^r*thou art* a swift dromedary traversing her ways;

24 ^r^sA wild ass ^tused to the wilderness, *that* snuffeth up the wind at ^uher pleasure; in her occasion who can ^vturn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but ^wthou saidst, ^xThere is no hope: no; for I have loved ^ystrangers, and after them will I go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 Saying to a stock, Thou *art* my father; and to a stone, Thou hast ^zbrought me forth: for they have turned ^{aa}their back unto me, and not ^{ab}their face: but in the time of their ^{ac}trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

28 But ^{ad}where *are* thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they ^{ae}can save thee in the time of thy ^{af}trouble: for ^{ag}according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

29 ^{ah}Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.

80 In vain have I ^bsmitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath ^cdevoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

81 ¶ O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. ^dHave I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, ^eWe are lords; ^fwe will come no more unto thee?

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people ^ghave forgotten me days without number.

33 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

34 Also in thy skirts is found ^hthe blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by ⁱsecret search, but upon all these.

35 ^jYet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, ^kI will plead with thee, ^lbecause thou sayest, I have not sinned.

36 ^mWhy gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? ⁿthou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, ^oas thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and ^pthine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

CHAPTER III.

1 *God's great mercy in Judah's vile whoredom. 6 Judah is worse than Israel. 12 The promises of the gospel to the penitent. 20 Israel reproved, and called by God, maketh a solemn confession of their sins.*

THEY ^asay, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, ^bshall he return unto her again? shall not that ^cland be greatly polluted? but thou hast ^dplayed the harlot with many lovers; ^eyet return again to me, saith the LORD.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto ^fthe high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. ^gIn the ways hast

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 629.

^b Isai. 1. 5. &
9. 13.
ch. 5. 3.
^c 2 Chron. 36.
16. Neh. 9. 26.
Matt. 23. 29,
&c.
Acts 7. 52.
1 Thess. 2. 15.
^d ver. 5.
^e Heb. *We have dominion*.
^f Ps. 12. 4.
^g Deut. 32. 15.

^h Ps. 106. 21.
ch. 13. 25.
Hos. 8. 14.

ⁱ Ps. 106. 38.
ch. 19. 4.

^j Heb. *digging*.

^k ver. 23, 29.

^l ver. 9.

^m Prov. 28. 13.
1 John 1. 8, 10.

ⁿ ver. 18.
ch. 31. 22.
Hos. 5. 13.
& 12. 1.

^o Isai. 30. 3.
ch. 37. 7.

^p 2 Chron. 28.
16, 20, 21.
^q 2 Sam. 13. 19.

^a Heb. *Saying*.

^b Deut. 24. 4.

^c ch. 2. 7.
^d ch. 2. 20. &
Ezek. 16. 26,
28, 29.

^e ch. 4. 1.
Zech. 1. 3.

^f See Deut. 12.
2. ch. 2. 20.
^g Gen. 38. 14.
Prov. 23. 28.
Ezek. 16. 24,
25.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 629.

^a ch. 2. 7.
ver. 9.
^b Lev. 26. 19.
Deut. 28. 23,
24. ch. 9. 12.
& 14. 4.

¹ ch. 5. 3. &
6. 15. & 8. 12.
² Ezek. 3. 7.
Zeph. 3. 5.

^k Prov. 2. 17.

¹ ch. 2. 2.
Hos. 2. 15.
^m Ps. 77. 7, &c.
& 103. 9.
Isai. 57. 16.
ver. 12.

cir. 612.

ⁿ ver. 11, 14.
ch. 7. 24.
^o ch. 2. 20.

^p 2 Kin. 17. 13.

^q Ezek. 16. 46.
& 23. 2, 4.
^r Ezek. 23. 9.

^s 2 Kin. 17. 6,
18.

^t Ezek. 23. 11,
&c.

^u Or, *fame*.

^v ch. 2. 7.
ver. 2.
^w ch. 2. 27.

^x 2 Chron. 34.
33.
Hos. 7. 14.

^y Heb. *in
falsehood*.
^z Ezek. 16. 51.
& 23. 11.

^a 2 Kin. 17. 6.

^b Ps. 86. 15. &
103. 8, 9.
ver. 5.

thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; ^aand thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

8 Therefore the ^bshowers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a ^cwhore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou *art* ^kthe guide of ^lmy youth?

5 ^mWill he reserve *his anger* for ever? will he keep *it* to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

6 ¶ The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen *that* which ⁿbacksliding Israel hath done? she is ^ogone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 ^pAnd I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous ^qsister Judah saw *it*.

8 And I saw, when ^rfor all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had ^sput her away, and given her a bill of divorce; ^tyet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through the ^ulightness of her whoredom, that she ^vdefiled the land, and committed adultery with ^wstones and with stocks.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me ^xwith her whole heart, but ^yfeignedly, saith the LORD.

11 And the LORD said unto me, ^zThe backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

12 ¶ Go and proclaim these words toward ^athe north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; *and* I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I *am* ^bmerciful, saith the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever.

13 ^cOnly acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast ^dscattered thy ways to the ^estrangers ^funder every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; ^gfor I am married unto you: and I will take you ^hone of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

15 And I will give you ⁱpastors according to mine heart, which shall ^kfeed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: ^lneither shall it ^mcome to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall ⁿ*that* be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, ^oto the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they ^pwalk any more after the ^qimagination of their evil heart.

18 In those days ^rthe house of Judah shall walk ^swith the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of ^tthe north to ^uthe land that I have ^vgiven for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee ^wa ^xpleasant land, ^ya goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, ^zMy father; and shalt not turn away ^afrom me.

20 ¶ Surely *as* a wife treacherously departeth from her ^bhusband, so ^chave ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.

21 A voice was heard upon ^dthe high places, weeping *and* supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, *and*

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 612.

^a Lev. 26. 40,
&c. Deut.
30. 1, 2, &c.
Prov. 28. 13.

^b ver. 2.
Ezek. 16. 15,
24, 25.

^c ch. 2. 25.

^d Deut. 12. 2.

^e ch. 31. 32.
Hos. 2. 19, 20.

^f Rom. 11. 5.

^g ch. 23. 4.
Ezek. 34. 23.
Eph. 4. 11.

^h Acts 20. 28.

ⁱ Isai. 65. 17.

^j Heb. *come
upon the
heart*.

^k Or, *it be
magnified*.

^l Isai. 60. 9.

^m ch. 11. 8.

ⁿ Or,
stubbornness.

^o See Isai. 11.
13. Ezek. 37.
16,—22.

^p Hos. 1. 11.

^q Or, *to*.

^r ver. 12.

^s ch. 31. 8.

^t Amos 9. 15.

^u Or, *caused
your fathers
to possess*.

^v Ps. 106. 24.
Ezek. 20. 6.
Dan. 8. 9. &
11. 16, 41, 45.

^w Heb. *land
of desire*.

^x Heb. *an
heritage of
glory, or,
beauty*.

^y Isai. 63. 16.

^z Heb. *from
after me*.

^a Heb. *friend*.

^b Isai. 48. 8.

^c ch. 5. 11.

^d Isai. 16. 2.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 612.^x ver. 14.
Hos. 14. 1.
^y Hos. 6. 1.
& 14. 4.^a Ps. 121. 1, 2.^a Ps. 3. 8.^b ch. 11. 13.
Hos. 9. 10.^c Ezra 9. 7.^d ch. 22. 21.^a ch. 3. 1, 22.
Joel 2. 12.^b Deut. 10. 20.
Isai. 45. 23.
& 65. 16.
Sec ch. 5. 2.
^c Isai. 48. 1.
Zech. 8. 8.
^d Gen. 22. 18.
Ps. 72. 17.
Gal. 3. 8.^e Isai. 45. 25.
1 Cor. 1. 31.
^f Hos. 10. 12.
^g Matt. 13. 7,
22.^h Deut. 10. 16.
& 30. 6.
ch. 9. 26.
Rom. 2. 28, 29.
Col. 2. 11.ⁱ ch. 8. 14.

they have forgotten the LORD their God.

22 ^x Return, ye backsliding children, *and* ^y I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou *art* the LORD our God.

23 ^a Truly in vain *is* salvation hoped for from the hills, *and* from the multitude of mountains: ^a truly in the LORD our God *is* the salvation of Israel.

24 ^b For shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: ^c for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and ^d have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

CHAPTER IV.

1 *God calleth Israel by his promise.* 3 *He exhorteth Judah to repentance by fearful judgments.* 19 *A grievous lamentation for the miseries of Judah.*

IF thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, ^a return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

2 ^b And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, ^c in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; ^d and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they ^e glory.

3 ¶ For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, ^f Break up your fallow ground, and ^g sow not among thorns.

4 ^h Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather ye together, and say, ⁱ Assemble your-

selves, and let us go into the defenced cities.

6 Set up the standard toward Zion: ² retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the ^k north, and a great ³ destruction.

7 ¹ The lion is come up from his thicket, and ^m the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place ⁿ to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

8 For this ^o gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.

9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, *that* the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

10 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! ^p surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, ^q saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.

11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, ^r A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse,

12 *Even* ⁴ a full wind from those places shall come unto me: now also ^s will I ⁵ give sentence against them.

13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and ^t his chariots *shall be* as a whirlwind: ^u his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

14 O Jerusalem, ^v wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

15 For a voice declareth ^y from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.

16 Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, *that* watchers come ^z from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 612.² Or, strengthen.
^k ch. 1. 13, 14,
15. & 6. 1, 22.³ Heb. breaking.
¹ 2 Kin. 24. 1.
ch. 5. 6.
Dan. 7. 4.
^m ch. 25. 9.
ⁿ Isai. 1. 7.
ch. 2. 15.^o Isai. 22. 12.
ch. 6. 26.^p Ezek. 14. 9.
² Thess. 2. 11.
^q ch. 5. 12.
& 14. 13.^r ch. 51. 1.
Ezek. 17. 10.
Hos. 13. 15.⁴ Or, a fuller wind than those.⁵ ch. 1. 16.
⁶ Heb. utter judgments.^t Isai. 5. 28.^u Deut. 28. 49.
Lam. 4. 19.
Hos. 8. 1.
Hab. 1. 8.^v Isai. 1. 16.
Jam. 4. 8.^y ch. 8. 16.^z ch. 5. 15.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 612.

^a 2 Kin. 25. 1, 4.

^b Ps. 107. 17.
Isai. 50. 1.
ch. 2. 17, 19.

^c Isai. 15. 5.
& 16. 11. &
21. 3. & 22. 4.
ch. 9. 1, 10.
See Luke
19. 42.

^d Heb. *the walls of my heart.*

^e Ps. 42. 7.
Ezek. 7. 26.

^f ch. 10. 20.

^g Rom. 16. 19.

^h Isai. 24. 19.

ⁱ Gen. 1. 2.

^j Isai. 5. 25.
Ezek. 38. 20.

^k Zeph. 1. 3.

^l ch. 5. 10, 18.
& 30. 11. &
46. 28.

^m Hos. 4. 3.

ⁿ Isai. 5. 30.
& 50. 3.

^o Num. 23. 19.
ch. 7. 16.

17 ^aAs keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD.

18 ^bThy way and thy doings have procured these *things* unto thee; this *is* thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.

19 ¶ My ^cbowels, my bowels! I am pained at ^dmy very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

20 ^eDestruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are ^fmy tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a moment.

21 How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?

22 For my people *is* foolish, they have not known me; they *are* sottish children, and they have none understanding: ^gthey *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23 ^hI beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* ⁱwithout form, and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light.

24 ^jI beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

25 I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man, and ^kall the birds of the heavens were fled.

26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger.

27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; ^lyet will I not make a full end.

28 For this ^mshall the earth mourn, and ⁿthe heavens above be black: because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*, and ^owill not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every

city *shall be* forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.

30 And *when* thou *art* spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, ^pthough thou rentest thy ^qface with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; ^r*thy* lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, *and* the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, *that* bewaileth herself, *that* ^sspreadeth her hands, *saying*, Woe *is* me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

CHAPTER V.

¹ *The judgments of God upon the Jews, for their perverseness, 7 for their adultery, 10 for their impiety, 19 for their contempt of God, 25 and for their great corruption in the civil state, 30 and ecclesiastical.*

RUN ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, ^aif ye can find a man, ^bif there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; ^cand I will pardon it.

2 And ^dthough they say, ^eThe LORD liveth; surely they ^fswear falsely.

3 O LORD, *are* not ^gthine eyes upon the truth? thou hast ^hstricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* ⁱthey have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

4 Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for ^kthey know not the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God.

5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for ^lthey have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether ^mbroken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 612.

^p 2 Kin. 9. 30.

Ezek. 23. 40.

^q Heb. *eyes.*

^r ch. 22. 20, 22.
Lam. 1. 2, 19.

^s Isai. 1. 16.
Lam. 1. 17.

^a Ezek. 22. 30.

^b Gen. 18. 23.
&c. Ps. 12. 1.

^c Gen. 18. 26.

^d Tit. 1. 16.

^e ch. 4. 2.

^f ch. 7. 9.

^g 2 Chron. 16. 9.

^h Isai. 1. 5.

& 9. 13.
ch. 2. 30.

ⁱ ch. 7. 28.
Zeph. 3. 2.

^k ch. 8. 7.

^l Mic. 3. 1.

^m Ps. 2. 3.

for their perverseness,

JEREMIAH, V.

adultery, and impiety.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 612.

ⁿ ch. 4. 7.
^o Ps. 104. 20.
Hab. 1. 8.
Zeph. 3. 3.
^p Or, *deserts*.
^r Hos. 13. 7.
^s Heb. *are strong*.

^q Josh. 23. 7.
Zeph. 1. 5.
^r Deut. 32. 21.
Gal. 4. 8.
^s Deut. 32. 15.

^t Ezek. 22. 11.
^u ch. 13. 27.

^x ver. 29.
ch. 9. 9.
^y ch. 44. 22.

^z ch. 39. 8.
^a ch. 4. 27.
ver. 18.

^b ch. 3. 20.

^c 2 Chron. 36.
16. ch. 4. 10.
^d Isai. 28. 15.
^e ch. 14. 13.

^f ch. 1. 9.

^g Deut. 28. 49.
Isai. 5. 26.
ch. 1. 15.
& 6. 22.
^h Isai. 39. 3.
ch. 4. 16.

6 Wherefore ^a a lion out of the forest shall slay them, ^o and a wolf of the ² evenings shall spoil them, ^p a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings ³ are increased.

7 ¶ How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and ^a sworn by *them* ^r that are no gods: ^a when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

8 ^t They were *as* fed horses in the morning: every one ^u neighed after his neighbour's wife.

9 ^x Shall I not visit for these *things*? saith the LORD: ^y and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 ¶ ^z Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; ^a but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they *are* not the LORD's.

11 For ^b the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.

12 ^c They have belied the LORD, and said, ^d *It is not he*; neither shall evil come upon us; ^e neither shall we see sword nor famine:

13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, ^f behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

15 Lo, I will bring a ^g nation upon you ^h from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it *is* a mighty nation, it *is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.

16 Their quiver *is* as an open sepulchre, they *are* all mighty men.

17 And they shall eat up thine

ⁱ harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.

18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I ^k will not make a full end with you.

19 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, ^l Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these *things* unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have ^m forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so ⁿ shall ye serve strangers in a land *that is* not your's.

20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

21 Hear now this, O ^o foolish people, and without ² understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

22 ^p Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand *for* the ^q bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

23 But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.

24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, ^r that giveth rain, both the ^a former and the latter, in his season: ^t he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 ¶ ^u Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withholden good *things* from you.

26 For among my people are found wicked *men*: ³ they ^x lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

27 As a ^y cage is full of birds, so *are* their houses full of deceit:

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 612.

¹ Lev. 26. 16.
Deut. 28. 31,
33.

^k ch. 4. 27.

^l Deut. 29. 24,
&c.
¹ Kin. 9. 8, 9.
ch. 13. 22. &
16. 10.
^m ch. 2. 13.

ⁿ Deut. 28. 48.

^o Isai. 6. 9.
Ezek. 12. 2.
Matt. 13. 14.
John 12. 40.
Acts 28. 26.
Rom. 11. 8.

^p Heb. *heart*,
Hos. 7. 11.
^q Rev. 15. 4.

^r Job 26. 10. &
38. 10, 11.
Ps. 104. 9.
Prov. 8. 29.

^s Ps. 147. 8.
ch. 14. 22.
Matt. 5. 45.
Acts 14. 17.
^t Deut. 11. 14.
Joel 2. 23.
^u Gen. 8. 22.
^v ch. 3. 3.

³ Or, *they pry as fowlers lie in wait*.

^x Prov. 1. 11,
17, 18.
Hab. 1. 15.

^y Or, *coop*.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 612.

⁷ Deut. 32. 15.

⁸ Isai. 1. 23.
Zech. 7. 10.
⁹ Job 12. 6.
Ps. 73. 12.
ch. 12. 1.

^b ver. 9.
Mal. 3. 5.

⁸ Or, Astonish-
ment and
filthiness.

^c ch. 23. 14.
Hos. 6. 10.
^d ch. 14. 14. &
23. 25, 26.
Ezek. 13. 6.

⁸ Or, take
into their
hands.

⁹ Mic. 2. 11.

cir. 612.

^a Neh. 3. 14.

^b ch. 1. 14.
& 4. 6.

⁴ Or, dwelling
at home.

⁹ 2 Kin. 25. 1, 4.
ch. 4. 17.

^d ch. 51. 27.
Joel 3. 9.
^e ch. 15. 8.

⁸ Or, pour out
the engine
of shot.

therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

28 They are waxen ⁷fat, they shine : yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked : they judge not ⁸the cause, the cause of the fatherless, ⁹yet they prosper ; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

29 ^b Shall I not visit for these things ? saith the LORD : shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this ?

30 ¶ ² A wonderful and ^c horrible thing is committed in the land ;

31 The prophets prophesy ^d falsely, and the priests ³ bear rule by their means ; and my people ^e love to have it so : and what will ye do in the end thereof ?

CHAPTER VI.

1 The enemies sent against Judah 4 encourage themselves. 6 God setteth them on work because of their sins. 9 The prophet lamenteth the judgments of God because of their sins. 18 He proclaimeth God's wrath. 26 He call-eth the people to mourn for the judgment on their sins.

O YE children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in ^a Beth-haccerem : ^b for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.

2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a ⁴ comely and delicate woman.

3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her ; ^c they shall pitch *their* tents against her round about ; they shall feed every one in his place.

4 ^d Prepare ye war against her ; arise, and let us go up ^e at noon. Woe unto us ! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

6 ¶ For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and ⁵ cast a mount against Jerusalem : this *is* the city to be visited ; she

is wholly oppression in the midst of her.

7 ¹ As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness : ² violence and spoil is heard in her ; before me continually *is* grief and wounds.

8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest ^h my soul ² depart from thee ; lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine : turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets.

10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear ? behold, their ⁱ ear *is* uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken : behold, ^k the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach ; they have no delight in it.

11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD ; ¹ I am weary with holding in : I will pour it out ^m upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together : for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with *him* that *is* full of days.

12 And ⁿ their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their* fields and wives together : for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one *is* given to ^o covetousness ; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

14 They have ^p healed also the ³ hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, ^q saying, Peace, peace ; when *there is* no peace.

15 Were they ^r ashamed when they had committed abomination ? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush : therefore they shall fall among them that fall : at the time *that* I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for

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⁷ Isai. 57. 20.

⁸ Ps. 55. 9, 10,
11. ch. 20. 8.
Ezek. 7. 11, 23.

^b Ezek. 23. 18.
Hos. 9. 12.

⁸ Heb. *be*
loosed, or,
disjointed.

ⁱ ch. 7. 26.
Acts 7. 51.
See Ex. 6. 12.
^k ch. 20. 8.

¹ ch. 20. 9.

^m ch. 9. 21.

ⁿ Deut. 28. 30.
ch. 8. 10.

^o Isai. 56. 11.
ch. 8. 10.
& 14. 18. &
23. 11.

Mic. 3. 5, 11.
^p ch. 8. 11.
Ezek. 13. 10.

⁸ Heb. *bruise*,
or, *breach*.

^q ch. 4. 10.
& 14. 13. &
23. 17.

^r ch. 3. 3.
& 8. 12.

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^a Isai. 8. 20.,
ch. 18. 15.
Mal. 4. 4.
Luke 16. 29.
^t Matt. 11. 29.
^u Isai. 21. 11.
& 58. 1.
ch. 25. 4.
Ezek. 3. 17.
Hab. 2. 1.

^x Isai. 1. 2.

^y Prov. 1. 31.

^z Ps. 40. 6. &
50. 7, 8, 9.
Isai. 1. 11.
& 66. 3.
Amos 5. 21.
Mic. 6. 6, &c.
^a Isai. 60. 6.
^b ch. 7. 21.

^c ch. 1. 15. &
5. 15. & 10. 22.
& 50. 41, 42,
43.

^d Isai. 5. 30.

^e ch. 4. 31. &
13. 21. & 49. 24.
& 50. 43.

^f ch. 4. 8.

^g ch. 25. 34.
Mic. 1. 10.
^h Zech. 12. 10.

the ^aold paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find ^trest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

17 Also I set ^uwatchmen over you, *saying*, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

18 ¶ Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what *is* among them.

19 ^x Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* ^ythe fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

20 ^z To what purpose cometh there to me incense ^afrom Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? ^byour burnt offerings *are* not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the ^cnorth country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.

23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel, and have no mercy; their voice ^droareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

24 We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: ^eanguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.

25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy *and* fear *is* on every side.

26 ¶ O daughter of my people, ^fgird *thee* with sackcloth, ^gand wallow thyself in ashes: ^hmake thee mourning, *as for* an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have set thee *for* a tower

and ⁱa fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.

28 ^kThey *are* all grievous revolt-ers, ^lwalking with slanders: *they are* ^mbrass and iron; they *are* all corrupters.

29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.

30 ⁿReprobate silver shall *men* call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

CHAPTER VII.

¹ Jeremiah is sent to call for true repentance, to prevent the Jews' captivity. ⁸ He rejecteth their vain confidence, ¹² by the example of Shiloh. ¹⁷ He threateneth them for their idolatry. ²¹ He rejecteth the sacrifices of the disobedient. ²⁹ He exhorteth to mourn for their abominations in Tophet, ³² and the judgments for the same.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 ^aStand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all *ye of* Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.

3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ^bAmend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4 ^cTrust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, *are* these.

5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly ^dexecute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 *If* ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, ^eneither walk after other gods to your hurt:

7 ^fThen will I cause you to dwell in this place, in ^gthe land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

8 ¶ Behold, ^hye trust in ⁱlying words, that cannot profit.

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cir. 612.**

ⁱ ch. 1. 18. &
15. 20.
^k ch. 5. 23.
^l ch. 9. 4.
^m Ezek. 22. 18.

ⁿ Isai. 1. 22.
^o Or, *Refuse silver*.

cir. 600.

^a ch. 26. 2.

^b ch. 18. 11.
& 26. 13.

^c Mic. 3. 11.

^d ch. 22. 3.

^e Deut. 6. 14,
15. & 8. 19.
& 11. 28.
ch. 13. 10.
^f Deut. 4. 40.
^g ch. 3. 18.

^h ver. 4.
ⁱ ch. 5. 31. &
14. 13, 14.

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CHRIST
cir. 600.

^k 1 Kin. 18. 21.
Hos. 4. 1, 2.
Zeph. 1. 5.

^l Ex. 20. 3.
ver. 6.

^m Ezek. 23. 39.

ⁿ Heb.
*whereupon
my name is
called.*

ⁿ ver. 11, 14, 30.
ch. 32. 34. &
34. 15.

^o Isai. 56. 7.

^p Matt. 21. 13.
Mark 11. 17.
Luke 19. 46.

^q Josh. 18. 1.
Judg. 18. 31.

^r Deut. 12. 11.

^s 1 Sam. 4. 10,
11. Ps. 78. 60.
ch. 26. 6.

^t 2 Chron. 36.
15. ver. 25.
ch. 11. 7.

^u Prov. 1. 24.
Isai. 65. 12.
& 66. 4.

^x 1 Sam. 4. 10,
11. Ps. 78. 60.
ch. 26. 6.

^y 2 Kin. 17. 23.

^z Ps. 78. 67, 68.

^a Ex. 32. 10.
ch. 11. 14.
& 14. 11.

^b ch. 15. 1.

^c ch. 44. 17, 19.

^d Or,
*frame, or,
workmanship
of heaven.*
^e ch. 19. 13.

^f Deut. 32. 16,
21.

9 ^k Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and ^l walk after other gods whom ye know not;

10 ^m And come and stand before me in this house, ⁿ which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

11 Is ^o this house, which is called by my name, become a ^p den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen *it*, saith the LORD.

12 But go ye now unto ^q my place which *was* in Shiloh, ^r where I set my name at the first, and see ^s what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, ^t rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I ^u called you, but ye answered not;

14 Therefore will I do unto *this* house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to ^x Shiloh.

15 And I will cast you out of my sight, ^y as I have cast out all your brethren, ^z even the whole seed of Ephraim.

16 Therefore ^a pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: ^b for I will not hear thee.

17 ¶ Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 ^c The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough, to make cakes to the ^d queen of heaven, and to ^e pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

19 ^f Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: *do they not provoke* themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

21 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; ^g Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

22 ^h For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, ⁱ concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, ^j Obey my voice, and ^k I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

24 ^l But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but ^m walked in the counsels *and* in the ⁿ imagination of their evil heart, and ^o went backward, and not forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even ^p sent unto you all my servants the prophets, ^q daily rising up early and sending *them*:

26 ^r Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but ^s hardened their neck: ^t they did worse than their fathers.

27 Therefore ^u thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.

28 But thou shalt say unto them, This *is* a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, ^v nor receiveth ^w correction: ^x truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

29 ¶ ^y Cut off thine hair, *O Jerusalem*, and cast *it* away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.

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^g Isai. 1. 11.
ch. 6. 20.
Amos 5. 21.
See Hosea
8. 13.

^h 1 Sam. 15. 22.
Ps. 51. 16, 17.
Hos. 6. 6.

ⁱ Heb.
*concerning
the matter of.*

^j Ex. 15. 26.
Deut. 6. 3.
ch. 11. 4, 7.

^k Ex. 19. 5.
Lev. 26. 12.

^l Ps. 81. 11.
ch. 11. 8.

^m Deut. 29. 19.
Ps. 81. 12.

ⁿ Or,
stubbornness.

^o Heb. *were.*

^p ch. 2. 27.
& 32. 33.
Hos. 4. 16.

^q 2 Chron. 36.
15. ch. 25. 4.
& 29. 19.

^r ver. 13.

^s ver. 24.
ch. 11. 8.
& 17. 23. &
25. 3, 4.

^t Neh. 9. 17, 29.
ch. 19. 15.

^u ch. 16. 12.

^v Ezek. 2. 7.

^w ch. 5. 3. &
32. 33.

^x Or,
instruction.

^y ch. 9. 3.

^z Job 1. 20.
Isai. 15. 2.
ch. 16. 6. &
48. 37.
Mic. 1. 16.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 600.

^y 2 Kin. 21. 4, 7.
2 Chron. 33.
4, 5, 7.
ch. 23. 11.
& 32. 34.
Ezek. 7. 20. &
8. 5, 6, &c.
Dan. 9. 27.
^a 2 Kin. 23. 10.
ch. 19. 5. &
32. 35.
^a Ps. 106. 38.
^b See Deut.
17. 3.
^a Heb. *came*
it upon my
heart.
^c ch. 19. 6.

^d 2 Kin. 23. 10.
ch. 19. 11.
Ezek. 6. 5.

^e Deut. 28. 26.
Ps. 79. 2.
ch. 12. 9. &
16. 4. & 34. 20.

^f Isai. 24. 7, 8.
ch. 16. 9.
& 25. 10. &
33. 11.
Ezek. 26. 13.
Hos. 2. 11.
Rev. 18. 23.

^g Lev. 26. 33.
Isai. 1. 7. &
3. 26.

30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: ^ythey have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

31 And they have built the ^ahigh places of Tophet, which *is* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to ^aburn their sons and their daughters in the fire; ^bwhich I commanded *them* not, neither ²came it into my heart.

32 ¶ Therefore, behold, ^cthe days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: ^dfor they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

33 And the ^ecarcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray *them* away.

34 Then will I cause to ^fcease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for ^gthe land shall be desolate.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 *The calamity of the Jews, both dead and alive.*

4 *He upbraideth their foolish and shameless impenitency.* 13 *He sheweth their grievous judgment,* 18 *and bewaileth their desperate estate.*

AT that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves:

2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and ^awhom they have worshipped: they shall not be gather-

^a 2 Kin. 23. 5.
Ezek. 8. 16.

ed, ^bnor be buried; they shall be for ^cdung upon the face of the earth.

3 And ^ddeath shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?

5 Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem ^eslidden back by a perpetual backsliding? ^fthey hold fast deceit, ^gthey refuse to return.

6 ^hI hearkened and heard, *but* they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

7 Yea, ⁱthe stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and ^kthe turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but ^lmy people know not the judgment of the LORD.

8 How do ye say, We *are* wise, ^mand the law of the LORD *is* with us? Lo, certainly ²in vain made he *it*; the pen of the scribes *is* in vain.

9 ⁿ³The wise *men* are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and ⁴what wisdom *is* in them?

10 Therefore ^owill I give their wives unto others, *and* their fields to them that shall inherit *them*: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to ^pcovetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

11 For they have ^qhealed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, ^rPeace, peace; when *there is* no peace.

12 Were they ^sashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, nei-

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^b ch. 22. 19.
^c 2 Kin. 9. 36.
Ps. 83. 10.
ch. 9. 22.
& 16. 4.
^d Job 3. 21, 22.
& 7. 15, 16.
Rev. 9. 6.

^e ch. 7. 24.

^f ch. 9. 6.

^g ch. 5. 3.

^h 2 Pet. 3. 9.

ⁱ Isai. 1. 3.

^k Cant. 2. 12.

^l ch. 5. 4, 5.

^m Rom. 2. 17.

ⁿ Or, *the*
false pen of
the scribes
worketh for
falsehood,
Isai. 10. 1.

^o ch. 6. 15.

^p Or, *Have*
they been
ashamed, &c.

^q Heb. *the*
wisdom of
what thing.

^r Deut. 28. 30.
ch. 6. 12.
Amos 5. 11.
Zeph. 1. 13.

^s Isai. 56. 11.
ch. 6. 13.

^t ch. 6. 14.

^u Ezek. 13. 10.

^v ch. 3. 3. &
6. 15.

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³ Or, *In gathering I will consume.*

¹ Isai. 5. 1, &c. Joel 1. 7.

^u Matt. 21. 19. Luke 13. 6, &c.

² ch. 4. 5.

⁷ ch. 9. 15. & 23. 15.

³ Or, *poison.*

² ch. 14. 19.

^a ch. 4. 15.

^b Judg. 5. 22. ch. 47. 3.

⁴ Heb. *the fulness thereof.*

^c Ps. 58. 4, 5. Eccles. 10. 11.

⁵ Heb. *upon.*

⁸ Heb. *because of the country of them that are far off.*

^d Isai. 39. 3.

^e Deut. 32. 21. Isai. 1. 4.

^f ch. 4. 19. & 9. 1. & 14. 17.

^g Joel 2. 6. Nah. 2. 10.

^h Gen. 37. 25. & 43. 11. ch. 46. 11. & 51. 8.

ⁱ Heb. *gone up?*

ther could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

13 ¶ ² I will surely consume them, saith the LORD: *there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.*

14 Why do we sit still? ^a assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there: for the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us ^y water of ³ gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD.

15 We ² looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!

16 The snorting of his horses was heard from ^a Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his ^b strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and ⁴ all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.

17 For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which *will not be* ^c charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.

18 ¶ *When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint* ⁵ in me.

19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people ⁶ because of them that dwell in ^a a far country: *Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they* ^c provoked me to anger with their graven images, *and with strange vanities?*

20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

21 ^f For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am ^g black; astonishment hath taken hold on me.

22 *Is there no* ^h balm in Gilead; *is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people* ⁱ recovered?

CHAPTER IX.

1 *Jeremiah lamenteth the Jews for their manifold sins, 9 and for their judgment. 12 Disobedience is the cause of their bitter calamity. 17 He exhorteth to mourn for their destruction, 23 and to trust not in themselves, but in God. 25 He threateneth both Jews and Gentiles.*

OH ^{2a} that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for ^b they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.

3 And ^c they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they ^d know not me, saith the LORD.

4 ^e Take ye heed every one of his ³ neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will ^f walk with slanders.

5 And they will ⁴ deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, *and weary themselves to commit iniquity.*

6 Thine habitation *is* in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

7 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, ^g I will melt them, and try them; ^h for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?

8 Their tongue *is as* an arrow shot out; it speaketh ⁱ deceit: *one* speaketh ^k peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but ⁵ in heart he layeth ⁶ his wait.

9 ¶ ¹ Shall I not visit them for these *things*? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and ^m for the ⁷ habitations of the wilderness

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⁹ Heb. *Who will give my head, &c.*

^a Isai. 22. 4. ch. 4. 19. & 13: 17. & 14. 17. Lam. 2. 11. & 3. 48.

^b ch. 5. 7, 8.

^c Ps. 64. 3. Isai. 59. 4, 13, 15.

^d 1 Sam. 2. 12. Hos. 4. 1.

^e ch. 12. 6. Mic. 7. 5, 6. ³ Or, *friend.*

^f ch. 6. 28.

⁴ Or, *mock.*

^g Isai. 1. 25. Mal. 3. 3. ^h Hos. 11. 8.

ⁱ Ps. 12. 2. & 120. 3. ver. 3.

^k Ps. 28. 3. & 55. 21.

⁵ Heb. *in the midst of him.*

⁶ Or, *wait for him.*

¹ ch. 5. 9, 29.

^m ch. 12. 4. & 23. 10. Hos. 4. 3.

⁷ Or, *pastures.*

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^a Or, *desolate*.
^b Heb. *from the fowl even to, &c.*
^c ch. 4. 25.

^d Isai. 25. 2.
^e Isai. 13. 22.
 & 34. 13.
 ch. 10. 22.
^f Heb.

desolation.
^g Ps. 107. 43.
 Hos. 14. 9.

^h ch. 3. 17.
 & 7. 24.
ⁱ Or,
stubbornness.
^j Gal. 1. 14.

^k Ps. 80. 5.
^l ch. 8. 14. &
 23. 15.
 Lam. 3. 15, 19.
^m Lev. 26. 33.
 Deut. 28. 64.

ⁿ Lev. 26. 33.
 ch. 44. 27.
 Ezek. 5. 2, 12.

^o 2 Chron. 35.
 25. Job 3. 8.
 Eccles. 12. 5.
 Amos 5. 16.
 Matt. 9. 23.

^p ch. 14. 17.

^q Lev. 18. 28.
 & 20. 22.

a lamentation, because they are ²burned up, so that none can pass through *them*; neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattle; ³^a both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.

11 And I will make Jerusalem ^oheaps, and ^pa den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah ⁴desolate, without an inhabitant.

12 ¶ ^qWho is the wise man, that may understand this? and *who is he* to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?

13 And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

14 But have ^rwalked after the ⁵imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, ^swhich their fathers taught them:

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will ^tfeed them, *even* this people, ^uwith wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

16 I will ^xscatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: ^yand I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for ^zthe mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come:

18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that ^aour eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because ^bour dwellings have cast *us* out.

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and

every one her neighbour lamentation.

21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off ^cthe children from without, and the young men from the streets.

22 Speak, Thus saith the LORD, Even the carcases of men shall fall ^das dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvest-man, and none shall gather *them*.

23 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, ^eLet not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches:

24 But ^flet him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: ^gfor in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.

25 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that ^hI will ²punish all *them which are* circumcised with the uncircumcised;

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all *that are* ⁱin the ¹utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all *these* nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are ^kuncircumcised in the heart.

CHAPTER X.

¹ The unequal comparison of God and idols. 17 The prophet exhorteth to flee from the calamity to come. 19 He lamenteth the spoil of the tabernacle by foolish pastors. 23 He maketh an humble supplication.

HEAR ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

2 Thus saith the LORD, ^aLearn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

3 For the ⁴customs of the people are vain: for ^bone cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

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cir. 600.

^c ch. 6. 11.

^d ch. 8. 2. &
 16. 4.

^e Eccles. 9. 11.

^f 1 Cor. 1. 31.
 2 Cor. 10. 17.

^g Mic. 6. 8.
 & 7. 18.

^h Rom. 2. 8, 9.
ⁱ Heb. *visit upon*.

^j Heb. *cut off into corners, or, having the corners of their hair polled*.

^k ch. 25. 23. &
 49. 32.

^l Lev. 26. 41.
 Ezek. 44. 7.
 Rom. 2. 28,
 29.

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^a Lev. 18. 3.
 & 20. 23.

^b Heb. *statutes, or, ordinances are vanity*.
^c Isai. 40. 12, 20.
 & 44. 9, 10, &c.
 & 45. 20.

BEFORE
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cir. 600.^a Isai. 41. 7.
& 46. 7.^d Ps. 115. 5.
& 135. 16.
Hab. 2. 19.
1 Cor. 12. 2.
^e Ps. 115. 7.
Isai. 46. 1, 7.
^f Isai. 41. 23.^g Ex. 15. 11.
Ps. 86. 8, 10.^h Rev. 15. 4.ⁱ Or, *it liketh thee.*
^j Ps. 89. 6.^k Heb. *in one, or, at once.*^k Ps. 115. 8.
Isai. 41. 29.
Hab. 2. 18.
Zech. 10. 2.
Rom. 1. 21, 22.
^l Dan. 10. 5.^m Ps. 115. 4.ⁿ Heb. *God of truth,*
Ps. 31. 5.ⁿ 1 Tim. 6. 17.^o Heb. *king of eternity.*^o Ps. 10. 16.^p In the Chaldean language.^p See Ps. 96. 5.^q ver. 15.
Isai. 2. 18.
Zech. 13. 2.^r Gen. 1. 1, 6, 9.
Ps. 136. 5, 6.
ch. 51. 15, &c.^s Ps. 93. 1.^t Job 9. 8.
Ps. 104. 2.
Isai. 40. 22.^u Job 38. 34.^v Or, *noise.*^w Ps. 135. 7.^x Or, *for rain.*
^y ch. 51. 17, 18.^z Or, *is more brutish than to know.*^z Prov. 30. 2.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they ^cfasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

5 They *are* upright as the palm tree, ^dbut speak not: they must needs be ^eborne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for ^fthey cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good.

6 Forasmuch as *there is* none ^glike unto thee, O LORD; thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great in might.

7 ^hWho would not fear thee, O King of nations? for ⁱto thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as ^jamong all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like unto thee.

8 But they are ^kaltogether ^kbrutish and foolish: the stock *is* a doctrine of vanities.

9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and ^lgold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple *is* their clothing: they *are* all ^mthe work of cunning *men*.

10 But the LORD *is* the ⁿtrue God, he *is* ⁿthe living God, and an ^oeverlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

11 ^pThus shall ye say unto them, ^pThe gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, *even* ^qthey shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12 He ^rhath made the earth by his power, he hath ^sestablished the world by his wisdom, and ^thath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

13 ^uWhen he uttereth his voice, *there is* a ^vmultitude of waters in the heavens, and ^whe causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings ^xwith rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

14 ^yEvery man ^zis ^zbrutish in *his*

knowledge: ^aevery founder is confounded by the graven image: ^bfor his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.

15 They *are* vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation ^cthey shall perish.

16 ^dThe portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the former of all *things*; and ^eIsrael *is* the rod of his inheritance: ^fThe LORD of hosts *is* his name.

17 ^gGather up thy wares out of the land, O ^hinhabitant of the fortress.

18 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will ⁱsling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, ^jthat they may find *it so*.

19 ^kWoe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, ^lTruly this *is* a grief, and ^mI must bear it.

20 ⁿMy tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they *are* not: *there is* none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

21 For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

22 Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the ^onorth country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a ^pden of dragons.

23 ^qO LORD, I know that the ^qway of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

24 O LORD, ^rcorrect me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou ^sbring me to nothing.

25 ^tPour out thy fury upon the heathen ^tthat know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and ^udevoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

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cir. 600.^a Isai. 42. 17.
& 44. 11. &
45. 16.^b Hab. 2. 18.^c ver. 11.^d Ps. 16. 5.
& 73. 26. &
119. 57.
ch. 51. 19.
Lam. 3. 24.^e Deut. 32. 9.
Ps. 74. 2.^f Isai. 47. 4. &
51. 15. & 54. 5.
ch. 31. 35.
& 32. 18. &
50. 34.^g See ch. 6. 1.
Ezek. 12. 3,
&c.^h Heb.
*inhabitant.*ⁱ 1 Sam. 25. 29.
ch. 16. 13.^j Ezek. 6. 10.^k ch. 4. 19. &
8. 21. & 9. 1.^l Ps. 77. 10.^m Mic. 7. 9.ⁿ ch. 4. 20.^o ch. 1. 15. &
4. 6. & 5. 15.
& 6. 22.^p ch. 9. 11.^q Prov. 16. 1.
& 20. 24.^r Ps. 6. 1. &
38. 1.
ch. 30. 11.^s Heb.
diminish me.^t Ps. 79. 6.^u Job 18. 21.
1 Thess. 4. 5.
2 Thess. 1. 8.^v ch. 8. 16.

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CHAPTER XI.

1 *Jeremiah proclaimeth God's covenant, 8 rebuketh the Jews' disobeying thereof, 11 prophesieth evils to come upon them, 18 and upon the men of Anathoth, for conspiring to kill Jeremiah.*

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; ^a Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,

4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, ^b from the iron furnace, saying, ^c Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:

5 That I may perform the ^d oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then answered I, and said, ^e So be it, O LORD.

6 Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, ^e and do them.

7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day *that* I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, ^f rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.

8 ^g Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but ^h walked every one in the ⁱ imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did *them* not.

9 And the LORD said unto me, ^j A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 They are turned back to ^k the

iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

11 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able ² to escape; and ¹ though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and ^m cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their ³ trouble.

13 For *according to* the number of thy ⁿ cities were thy gods, O Judah; and *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to *that* ⁴ shameful thing, *even* altars to burn incense unto Baal.

14 Therefore ^o pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their ⁵ trouble.

15 ^p What hath my beloved to do in mine house, *seeing* she hath ^q wrought lewdness with many, and ^r the holy flesh is passed from thee? ⁷ when thou doest evil, then thou ^s rejoicest.

16 The LORD called thy name, ^t A green olive tree, fair, *and* of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

17 For the LORD of hosts, ^u that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

18 ¶ And the LORD hath given me knowledge *of it*, and I know *it*: then thou shewedst me their doings.

19 But I *was* like a lamb or an ox *that* is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that ^x they had

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² Heb. *to go forth of.*

¹ Ps. 18. 41.
Prov. 1. 28.
Isai. 1. 15.
ch. 14. 12.
Ezek. 8. 18.
Mic. 3. 4.
Zech. 7. 13.

^m Deut. 32. 37, 38.

³ Heb. *evil.*

ⁿ ch. 2. 28.

⁴ Heb. *shame,*
ch. 3. 24.
Hos. 9. 10.

^o Ex. 32. 10.
ch. 7. 16. &
14. 11.
1 John 5. 16.

⁵ Heb. *evil.*

^p Ps. 50. 16.
Isai. 1. 11, &c.

^q Heb. *What is to my beloved in my house.*

^r Ezek. 16. 25, &c.

^s Hag. 2. 12, 13, 14.
Tit. 1. 15.

⁷ Or, *when thy evil is.*

^t Prov. 2. 14.
^u Ps. 52. 8.
Rom. 11. 17.

^v Isai. 5. 2.
ch. 2. 21.

^x ch. 18. 18.

^a Deut. 27. 26.
Gal. 3. 10.

^b Deut. 4. 20.
¹ Kin. 8. 51.
^c Lev. 26. 3, 12.
ch. 7. 23.

^d Deut. 7. 12, 13.
Ps. 105. 9, 10.

^e Heb. *Amen,*
Deut. 27. 15,
—26.

^e Rom. 2. 13.
Jam. 1. 22.

^f ch. 7. 13, 25.
& 35. 15.

^g ch. 7. 26.

^h ch. 3. 17. &
7. 24. & 9. 14.

ⁱ Or,
stubbornness.

^j Ezek. 22. 25.
Hos. 6. 9.

^k Ezek. 20. 18.

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^a Heb. *the stalk with his bread.*
^b Ps. 83. 4.
^c Ps. 27. 13. & 116. 9. & 142. 5.
^d 1 Sam. 16. 7. 1 Chron. 28. 9. Ps. 7. 9. ch. 17. 10. & 20. 12. Rev. 2. 23.

^e ch. 12. 5, 6.

^f Isai. 30. 10. Amos 2. 12. & 7. 13, 16. Mic. 2. 6.

^g Heb. *vinit upon.*

^h ch. 23. 12. & 46. 21. & 48. 44. & 50. 27. Luke 19. 44.

ⁱ Ps. 51. 4.

^j Or, *let me reason the case with thee.*

^k Job 12. 6. & 21. 7. Ps. 37. 1, 35. & 73. 3, &c. ch. 5. 28.

^l Heb. 1. 4. Mal. 3. 15.

^m Heb. *they go on.*

ⁿ Isai. 29. 13. Matt. 15. 8. Mark 7. 6.

^o Ps. 17. 3. & 139. 1.

^p ch. 11. 20.

^q Heb. *with thee.*

^r Jam. 5. 5.

^s ch. 23. 10. Hos. 4. 3.

^t Ps. 107. 34.

devised devices against me, *saying*, Let us destroy ^athe tree with the fruit thereof, ^band let us cut him off from ^cthe land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.

20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that ^dtriest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD of the men of Anathoth, ^ethat seek thy life, saying, ^fProphesy not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand:

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will ^gpunish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

23 And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, *even* ^hthe year of their visitation.

CHAPTER XII.

¹ Jeremiah, complaining of the wicked's prosperity, by faith seeth their ruin. ⁵ God admonisheth him of his brethren's treachery against him, ⁷ and lamenteth his heritage. ¹⁴ He promiseth to the penitent return from captivity.

RIGHTEOUS ^aart thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet ^blet me talk with thee of *thy* judgments: ^cWherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? *wherefore* are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: ^dthey grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: ^ethou *art* near in their mouth, and far from their reins.

3 But thou, O LORD, ^fknowest me: thou hast seen me, and ^gtried mine heart ^htoward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for ⁱthe day of slaughter.

4 How long shall ^jthe land mourn, and the herbs of every field *wither*, ^kfor the wickedness of them that

dwell therein? ^lthe beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.

5 ¶ If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee*, then how wilt thou do in ^mthe swelling of Jordan?

6 For even ⁿthy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, ^othey have called a multitude after thee: ^pbelieve them not, though they speak ^qfair words unto thee.

7 ¶ I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given ^rthe dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it ^scrieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.

9 Mine heritage *is* unto me as a ^tspeckled bird, the birds round about *are* against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, ^ucome to devour.

10 Many ^vpastors have destroyed ^wmy vineyard, they have ^xtrodden my portion under foot, they have made my ^ypleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

11 They have made it desolate, and *being* desolate ^zit mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because ^ano man layeth *it* to heart.

12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.

13 ^bThey have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not profit: and ^cthey shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

14 ¶ Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that ^dtouch the inheritance which I have caused

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¹ ch. 4. 25. & 7. 20. & 9. 10. Hos. 4. 3.

² Josh. 3. 15. 1 Chron. 12. 15. ch. 49. 19. & 50. 44. ³ ch. 9. 4. & 11. 19, 21.

⁴ Or, *they cried after thee fully.* ⁵ Prov. 26. 25. ⁶ Heb. *good things.*

⁷ Heb. *the love.*

⁸ Or, *yelleth.* ⁹ Heb. *giveth out his voice.*

¹⁰ Or, *taloned.*

¹¹ Or, *cause them to come.* ¹² Isai. 56. 9. ch. 7. 33. ¹³ ch. 6. 3. ¹⁴ Isai. 5. 1, 5. ¹⁵ Isai. 63. 18. ¹⁶ Heb. *portion of desire.*

¹⁷ vor. 4.

¹⁸ Isai. 42. 25.

¹⁹ Lev. 26. 16. Deut. 28. 38. Mic. 6. 15. Hag. 1. 6.

²⁰ Or, *ye.*

²¹ Zech. 2. 8.

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cir. 608.^{*} Deut. 30. 3.
ch. 32. 37.
⁷ Ezek. 28. 25.^a Amos 9. 14.^a ch. 4. 2.^b Eph. 2. 20, 21.
¹ Pct. 2. 5.^c Isai. 60. 12.

my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will ^{*}pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

15 ⁷ And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, ^aand will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, ^ato swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be ^bbuilt in the midst of my people.

17 But if they will not ^cobey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER XIII.

¹ In the type of a linen girdle, hidden at Euphrates, God prefigureth the destruction of his people. 12 Under the parable of the bottles filled with wine he foretelleth their drunkenness in misery. 15 He exhorteth to prevent their future judgments. 22 He sheweth their abominations are the cause thereof.

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THUS saith the LORD unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water.

2 So I got a girdle according to the word of the LORD, and put it on my loins.

3 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that thou hast got, which *is* upon thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

5 So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there.

7 Then I went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Thus saith the LORD, After this manner ^awill I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which ^bwalk in the ²imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that ^cthey might be unto me for a people, and ^dfor a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

12 ¶ Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, ^ewith drunkenness.

14 And ^fI will dash them ³one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, ⁴but destroy them.

15 ¶ Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.

16 ⁵Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause ^hdarkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye ⁱlook for light, he turn it into ^kthe shadow of death, *and* make it gross darkness.

17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride; and ^lmine eye shall

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cir. 602.^a Lev. 26. 19.^b ch. 9. 14.
& 11. 8. &
16. 12.^c Or,
stubbornness.^e Ex. 19. 5.^d ch. 33. 9.^g Isai. 51. 17,
21. & 63. 6.
ch. 25. 27.
& 51. 7.^f Ps. 2. 9.^h Heb. a man
against his
brother.ⁱ Heb. from
destroying
them.^j Josh. 7. 19.^k Isai. 5. 30.
& 8. 22.
Amos 8. 9.^l Isai. 59. 9.^m Ps. 44. 19.ⁿ ch. 9. 1. &
14. 17.
Lam. 1. 2, 16.
& 2. 18.

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CHRIST
cir. 602.^m See 2 Kings
24. 12.
ch. 22. 26.
^a Or, head
tires.ⁿ ch. 6. 22.^b Heb. visit
upon.^c ch. 6. 24.^d ch. 5. 19. &
16. 10.^e Isai. 3. 17. &
47. 2. 3.
ver. 26.
Ezek. 16. 37,
38, 39.
Nah. 3. 5.^f Or, shall be
violently
taken away.
^g Heb. taught.^h Ps. 1. 4.
Hos. 13. 3.ⁱ Job 20. 29.
Ps. 11. 6.^j ch. 10. 14.^k ver. 22.
Lam. 1. 8.
Ezek. 16. 37.
& 23. 29.
Hos. 2. 10.^l ch. 5. 8.^m Isai. 65. 7.
ch. 2. 20. &
3. 2. 6.ⁿ Ezek. 6. 13.
^o Heb. after
when yet?

weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive.

18 Say unto ^mthe king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your ²principalities shall come down, *even* the crown of your glory.

19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open *them*: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them ⁿthat come from the north: where *is* the flock *that* was given thee, thy beautiful flock?

21 What wilt thou say when he shall ³punish thee? for thou hast taught them *to be* captains, *and* as chief over thee: shall not ^osorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?

22 ¶ And if thou say in thine heart, ^pWherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are ¹thy skirts discovered, *and* thy heels ⁴made bare.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are ⁵accustomed to do evil.

24 Therefore will I scatter them ^ras the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 ^sThis *is* thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in ^tfalsehood.

26 Therefore ^uwill I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear.

27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy ^xneighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, *and* thine abominations ^yon the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? ⁶when *shall it* once be?

CHAPTER XIV.

1 The grievous famine ⁷causeth Jeremiah to pray. 10 The Lord will not be intreated for the people. 13 Lying prophets are no excuse for them. 17 Jeremiah is moved to complain for them.

THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning ²the dearth.

2 Judah mourneth, and ^athe gates thereof languish; they are ^bblack unto the ground; and ^cthe cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, *and* found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ^dashamed and confounded, ^eand covered their heads.

4 Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook *it*, because there was no grass.

6 And ^fthe wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because *there was* no grass.

7 ¶ O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou *it* ^gfor thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

8 ^hO the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man *that* turneth aside to tarry for a night?

9 Why shouldest thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man ⁱthat cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, ^kart in the midst of us, and ³we are called by thy name; leave us not.

10 ¶ Thus saith the LORD unto this people, ¹Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; ^mhe will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

11 Then said the LORD unto me, ⁿPray not for this people for *their* good.

12 ^oWhen they fast, I will not hear their cry; and ^pwhen they

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cir. 601.^a Heb. the
words of the
dearths, or,
restraints.^b Isai. 3. 26.^c ch. 8. 21.^d See 1 Sam.
5. 12.^e Ps. 40. 14.^f 2 Sam. 15. 30.^g ch. 2. 24.^h Ps. 25. 11.ⁱ ch. 17. 13.^j Isai. 59. 1.^k Ex. 29. 45, 46.
Lev. 26. 11, 12.^l Heb. thy
name is call-
ed upon us,
Dan. 9. 18, 19.^m See ch. 2. 23,
24, 25.ⁿ Hos. 8. 13.
& 9. 9.^o Ex. 32. 10.
ch. 7. 16. &
11. 14.^p Prov. 1. 28.
Isai. 1. 15.
& 58. 3.^q ch. 11. 11.
Ezek. 8. 18.^r Mic. 3. 4.
Zech. 7. 13.^s ch. 6. 20. &
7. 21, 22.

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^a ch. 9. 16.	offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but ^a I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.	20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, <i>and</i> the iniquity of our fathers: for ^e we have sinned against thee.	^e Ps. 106. 6. Dan. 9. 8.
^f ch. 4. 10.	18 ¶ Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you ² assured peace in this place.	21 Do not abhor <i>us</i> , for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: ^f remember, break not thy covenant with us.	^f Ps. 74. 2, 20. & 106. 45.
^g Heb. <i>peace of truth.</i>	14 Then the LORD said unto me, ^a The prophets prophesy lies in my name: ⁱ I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.	22 ^g Are there <i>any</i> among ^h the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? ⁱ art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these <i>things</i> .	^g Zech. 10. 1, 2. ^h Deut. 32. 21.
^a ch. 27. 10.	15 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, ^a yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.		ⁱ Ps. 135. 7. & 147. 8. Isai. 30. 23. ch. 5. 24. & 10. 13.
^b ch. 23. 21. & 27. 15. & 29. 8, 9.		CHAPTER XV.	
^u ch. 5. 12, 13.	16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; ^a and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.	1 <i>The utter rejection and manifold judgments of the Jews.</i> 10 <i>Jeremiah, complaining of their spite, receiveth a promise for himself,</i> 12 <i>and a threatening for them.</i> 15 <i>He prayeth,</i> 19 <i>and receiveth a gracious promise.</i>	
^a Ps. 79. 3.	17 ¶ Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; ^v Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: ^a for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.	THEN said the LORD unto me, ^a Though ^b Moses and ^c Samuel stood before me, <i>yet</i> my mind <i>could</i> not <i>be</i> toward this people: cast <i>them</i> out of my sight, and let them go forth.	cir. 601. ^a Ezek. 14. 14, &c. ^b Ex. 32. 11, 12. Ps. 99. 6. ^c 1 Sam. 7. 9.
^v ch. 9. 1. & 13. 17. Lam. 1. 16. & 2. 18. ^g ch. 8. 21.	18 If I go forth into ^a the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest ³ go about into a land that they know not.	2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD; ^d Such as <i>are</i> for death, to death; and such as <i>are</i> for the sword, to the sword; and such as <i>are</i> for the famine, to the famine; and such as <i>are</i> for the captivity, to the captivity.	^d ch. 43. 11. Ezek. 5. 2, 12. Zech. 11. 9.
^a Ezek. 7. 15.	19 ^b Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and ^e there <i>is</i> no healing for us? ^d we looked for peace, and <i>there is</i> no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!	3 And I will ^e appoint over them four ² kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and ^f the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.	^e Lev. 26. 16, &c. ^a Heb. <i>families.</i> ^f Deut. 28. 26. ch. 7. 33.
^g Or, <i>make merchandise against a land, and men acknowledge it not,</i> ch. 5. 31.		4 And ³ I will cause them to be ^e removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of ^h Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for <i>that</i> which he did in Jerusalem.	^g Heb. <i>I will give them for a removing.</i> ^h Deut. 28. 25. ch. 24. 9. Ezek. 23. 46.
^b Lam. 5. 22.		5 For ⁱ who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside ⁴ to ask how thou doest?	ⁱ 2 Kin. 21. 11, &c. & 23. 26. & 24. 3, 4. ⁱ Isai. 51. 19.
^c ch. 15. 18.		6 ^k Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art ¹ gone backward:	^k Heb. <i>to ask of thy peace?</i> ^k ch. 2. 13. ¹ ch. 7. 24.
^d ch. 8. 15.			

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cir. 601.^m Hos. 13. 14.^a Or, *whatsoever is dear.*ⁿ Isai. 9. 13.
ch. 5. 3.
Amos 4. 10,
11.^s Or, *against the mother city a young man spoiling, &c. or, against the mother and the young men.*^o 1 Sam. 2. 5.^p Amos 8. 9.^q Job 3. 1, &c.
ch. 20. 14.^r Or, *I will intreat the enemy for thee.*^r ch. 39. 11, 12.
& 40. 4, 5.^s Ps. 44. 12.
ch. 17. 3.^t ch. 16. 13.
& 17. 4.^u Deut. 32. 22.^x ch. 12. 3.^y ch. 11. 20.
& 20. 12.^z Ps. 69. 7.^a Ezek. 3. 1, &c.
Rev. 10. 9, 10.^b Job 23. 12.
Ps. 119. 72,
111.

therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; ^mI am weary with repenting.

7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave *them* of ²children, I will destroy my people, *since* ⁿthey return not from their ways.

8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them ³against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused *him* to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city.

9 ^oShe that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost; ^pher sun is gone down while *it was* yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

10 ¶ ^qWoe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; *yet* every one of them doth curse me.

11 The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily ^rI will cause ^rthe enemy to entreat thee *well* in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

12 Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel?

13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the ^sspoil without price, and *that* for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

14 And I will make *thee* to pass with thine enemies ^tinto a land *which* thou knowest not: for a ^ufire is kindled in mine anger, *which* shall burn upon you.

15 ¶ O LORD, ^xthou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and ^yrevenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that ^zfor thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

16 Thy words were found, and I did ^aeat them; and ^bthy word was

unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for ²I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

17 ^oI sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my ^dpain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me ^eas a liar, and ^fas waters that ³fail?

19 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD, ^gIf thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt ^hstand before me: and if thou ⁱtake forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen ^kwall: and they shall fight against thee, but ^lthey shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

CHAPTER XVI.

¹ The prophet, under the types of abstaining from marriage, from houses of mourning and feasting, foresheweth the utter ruin of the Jews, 10 because they were worse than their fathers. 14 Their return from captivity shall be stranger than their deliverance out of Egypt. 16 God will doubly recompense their idolatry.

THE word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,

2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.

3 For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land;

4 They shall die of ^agrievous deaths; they shall not be ^blamented; neither shall they be buried;

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CHRIST
cir. 601.^a Heb. *thy name is called upon me.*^o Ps. 1. 1. & 26. 4, 5.^d ch. 30. 15.^e See ch. 1. 18, 19.^f Job 6. 15, &c.^g Heb. *be not sure?*^h Zech. 3. 7.ⁱ ver. 1.^l Ezek. 22. 26. & 44. 23.^k ch. 1. 18. & 6. 27.^l ch. 20. 11, 12.

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^a ch. 15. 2.^b ch. 22. 18, 19. & 25. 33.

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cir. 601.^c Ps. 83. 10.
ch. 8. 2. &
9. 22.^d Ps. 79. 2.
ch. 7. 33.
& 34. 20.^e Ezek. 24. 17,
22, 23.^f Or, mourn-
ing feast.^r ch. 22. 18.^s Lev. 19. 28.
Deut. 14. 1.
ch. 41. 5.
& 47. 5.^h Isai. 22. 12.
ch. 7. 29.ⁱ Or, break
bread for
them, as
Ezek. 24. 17.
Hos. 9. 4.
See Deut.
26. 14.
Job 42. 11.^j Prov. 31. 6, 7.^k Isai. 24. 7, 8.
ch. 7. 34. &
25. 10.
Ezek. 26. 13.
Hos. 2. 11.
Rev. 18. 23.^l Deut. 29. 24.
ch. 5. 19.
& 13. 22. &
22. 8.^m Deut. 29. 25.
ch. 22. 9.ⁿ ch. 7. 26.

but they shall be ^aas dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their ^dcarcases shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For thus saith the LORD, ^eEnter not into the house of ^fmourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, *even* lovingkindness and mercies.

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, ^rneither shall *men* lament for them, nor ^scut themselves, nor ^hmake themselves bald for them:

7 Neither shall *men* ⁱtear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall *men* give them the cup of consolation to ^jdrink for their father or for their mother.

8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, ^kI will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

10 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, ^lWherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what *is* our iniquity? or what *is* our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?

11 Then shalt thou say unto them, ^mBecause your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;

12 And ye have done ⁿworse than

your fathers; for, behold, ^oye walk every one after the ²imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me:

13 ^pTherefore will I cast you out of this land ^qinto a land that ye know not, *neither* ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

14 ¶ Therefore, behold, the ^rdays come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and ^sI will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 ¶ Behold, I will send for many ^tfishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

17 For mine ^ueyes *are* upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin ^xdouble; because ^ythey have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

19 O LORD, ^zmy strength, and my fortress, and ^amy refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* ^bwherein *there is* no profit.

20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and ^cthey *are* no gods?

21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that ^dmy name *is* ³The LORD.

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cir. 601.^o ch. 13. 10.^p Or, *stubbornness*.^q Deut. 4. 26,
27, 28. &
28. 36, 63,
64, 65.^r ch. 15. 14.^s Isai. 43. 18.
ch. 23. 7, 8.^t ch. 24. 6.
& 30. 3. &
32. 37.^u Amos 4. 2.
Hab. 1. 15.^v Job 34. 21.
Prov. 5. 21.
& 15. 3.
ch. 32. 19.^w Isai. 40. 2.
ch. 17. 18.^x Ezek. 43. 7, 9.^y Ps. 18. 2.^z ch. 17. 17.^a Isai. 44. 10.
ch. 2. 11.
& 10. 5.^b Isai. 37. 19.
ch. 2. 11.
Gal. 4. 8.^c Ex. 15. 3.
ch. 33. 2.
Amos 5. 8.^d Or,
Jehovah,
Ps. 83. 18.

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CHAPTER XVII.

1 *The captivity of Judah for her sin.* 5 *Trust in man is cursed, 7 in God is blessed.* 9 *The deceitful heart cannot deceive God.* 12 *The salvation of God.* 15 *The prophet complaineth of the mockers of his prophecy.* 19 *He is sent to renew the covenant in hallowing the sabbath.*

THE sin of Judah is written with a ^apen of iron, and with the ^bpoint of a diamond: it is ^bgraven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;

2 Whilst their children remember their altars and their ^cgroves by the green trees upon the high hills.

3 O my mountain in the field, ^dI will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders.

4 And thou, even ^ethyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in ^ethe land which thou knowest not: for ^fye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn for ever.

5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; ^gCursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh ^hflesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

6 For he shall be ⁱlike the heath in the desert, and ^kshall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, ^jin a salt land and not inhabited.

7 ^mBlessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

8 For he shall be ⁿas a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of ^odrought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9 ¶ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

10 I the LORD ^psearch the heart, I try the reins, ^peven to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge ^qsitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, ^rshall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be ^ra fool.

12 ¶ A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

13 O LORD, ^sthe hope of Israel, ^tall that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be ^uwritten in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the ^vfountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for ^vthou art my praise.

15 ¶ Behold, they say unto me, ^wWhere is the word of the LORD? let it come now.

16 As for me, ^xI have not hastened from being a pastor ^yto follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was *right* before thee.

17 Be not a terror unto me: ^bthou art my hope in the day of evil.

18 ^cLet them be confounded that persecute me, but ^dlet not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and ^edestroy them with double destruction.

19 ¶ Thus said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 And say unto them, ^fHear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

21 Thus saith the LORD; ^gTake heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor

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^o 1 Sam. 16. 7.
^p 1 Chron. 28. 9.
^q Ps. 7. 9. &
139. 23, 24.

^r Prov. 17. 3.
ch. 11. 20.
& 20. 12.
Rom. 8. 27.

^s Rev. 2. 23.
^t Ps. 62. 12.
ch. 32. 19.
Rom. 2. 6.
^u Or, gathereth
young which
she hath not
brought forth.

^v Ps. 55. 23.

^w Luke 12. 20.

^x ch. 14. 8.

^y Ps. 73. 27.

^z Isai. 1. 28.

^a See Luke

10. 20.

^b ch. 2. 13.

^c Deut. 10. 21.

^d Ps. 109. 1. &

148. 14.

^e Isai. 5. 19.

^f Ezek. 12. 22.

^g Amos 5. 18.

^h 2 Pet. 3. 4.

ⁱ ch. 1. 4, &c.

^j Heb. after

thee.

^k ch. 16. 19.

^l Ps. 35. 4.

^m & 40. 14. &

70. 2.

ⁿ Ps. 25. 2.

^o Heb. break
them with
a double
breach.

^p ch. 11. 20.

^q ch. 19. 3.

^r & 22. 2.

^s Num. 15. 32,

&c.

^t Neh. 13. 19.

^a Job 19. 24.

^b Heb. nail.

^c Prov. 3. 3.

^d 2 Cor. 3. 3.

^e Judg. 3. 7.
^f 2 Chron. 24.
18. & 33. 3, 19.

^g Isai. 1. 29.

^h & 17. 8.

ⁱ ch. 2. 20.

^j ch. 15. 13.

^k Heb. in
thyself.

^l ch. 16. 13.

^m ch. 15. 14.

ⁿ Isai. 30. 1, 2.
& 31. 1.

^o See Isai. 31. 3.

^p ch. 48. 6.

^q Job 20. 17.

^r Deut. 29. 23.

^s Ps. 2. 12. &
34. 8. & 125. 1.
& 146. 5.

^t Prov. 16. 20.

^u Isai. 30. 18.

^v Job 8. 16.

^w Ps. 1. 3.

^x Or, restraint.

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^b Ex. 20. 8.
& 23. 12. &
31. 13.
Ezek. 20. 12.
¹ ch. 7. 24, 26.
& 11. 10.

^k ch. 22. 4.

¹ ch. 32. 44.
& 33. 13.

^m Zech. 7. 7.

ⁿ Zech. 7. 7.

^o Ps. 107. 22.
& 116. 17.

^p ch. 21. 14.
& 49. 27.
Lam. 4. 11.
Amos 1. 4, 7,
10, 12. &
2. 2, 5.

^q 2 Kin. 25. 9.
ch. 52. 13.

bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I ^b commanded your fathers.

23 ¹ But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;

25 ^k Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever.

26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from ^l the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from ^m the plain, and from the mountains, and from ⁿ the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing ^o sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD.

27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then ^p will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, ^q and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

CHAPTER XVIII.

¹ Under the type of a potter is shewed God's absolute power in disposing of nations. ¹¹ Judgments threatened to Judah for her strange revolt. ¹⁸ Jeremiah prayeth against his conspirators.

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THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Arise, and go down to the pot-

ter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the ² wheels.

4 And the vessel ³ that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he ⁴ made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

6 O house of Israel, ^a cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, ^b as the clay is in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

7 *At what* instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to ^c pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;

8 ^d If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, ^e I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

9 And *at what* instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

11 ¶ Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: ^f return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

12 And they said, ^g There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

13 Therefore thus saith the LORD; ^h Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done ⁱ a very horrible thing.

14 Will a man leave ^j the snow of Lebanon *which* cometh from the rock of the field? or shall the cold

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² Or, frames, or, seats.

³ Or, that he made was marred, as clay in the hand of the potter.

⁴ Heb. returned and made.

^a Isai. 45. 9.
Rom. 9. 20, 21.

^b Isai. 64. 8.

^c ch. 1. 10.

^d Ezek. 18. 21.
& 33. 11.

^e ch. 26. 3.
Jonah 3. 10.

^f 2 Kin. 17. 13.
ch. 7. 3. &
25. 5. & 26. 13.
& 35. 15.

^g ch. 2. 25.

^h ch. 2. 10.
1 Cor. 5. 1.

ⁱ ch. 5. 30.

^j Or, my fields for a rock, or for the snow of Lebanon? shall the running waters be forsaken for the strange cold waters?

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cir. 605.^k ch. 2. 13, 32.
& 3. 21. & 13.
25. & 17. 13.^l ch. 10. 15.
& 16. 19.^m ch. 6. 16.ⁿ ch. 19. 8.
& 49. 13. &
50. 13.^o 1 Kin. 9. 8.
Lam. 2. 15.
Mic. 6. 16.^p ch. 13. 24.^q Ps. 48. 7.^r See ch. 2. 27.^s ch. 11. 19.^t Lev. 10. 11.
Mal. 2. 7.
John 7. 48, 49.^u Or, *for the
tongue.*^v Ps. 109. 4, 5.^x Ps. 35. 7.
& 57. 6.
ver. 22.^y Ps. 109. 9, 10.^z Heb. *pour
them out.*^a ver. 20.^b Heb. *for
death.*^c Ps. 35. 4. &
109. 14.
ch. 11. 20.
& 15. 15.

flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

15 Because my people hath forgotten ^k me, they have burned incense to ^l vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways *from* the ^m ancient paths, to walk in paths, *in* a way not cast up;

16 To make their land ⁿ desolate, *and* a perpetual ^o hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

17 ^p I will scatter them ^q as with an east wind before the enemy; ^r I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

18 ¶ Then said they, ^s Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; ^t for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him ^u with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

20 ^v Shall evil be recompensed for good? for ^x they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, *and* to turn away thy wrath from them.

21 Therefore ^y deliver up their children to the famine, and ^z pour out their *blood* by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and *be* widows; and let their men be put to death; *let* their young men *be* slain by the sword in battle.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for ^a they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

23 Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me ^b to slay *me*: ^c forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin *from* thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal *thus* with them in the time of thine anger.

CHAPTER XIX.

Under the type of breaking a potter's vessel is foreshewed the desolation of the Jews for their sins.

THUS saith the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and *take* of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests;

2 And go forth unto ^a the valley of the son of Hinnom, which *is* by the entry of ^b the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee,

3 ^b And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall ^c tingle.

4 Because they ^d have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with ^e the blood of innocents;

5 ^f They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings unto Baal, ^g which I commanded not, nor spake *it*, neither came *it* into my mind:

6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor ^h The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.

7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; ⁱ and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their ^k carcases will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

8 And I will make this city ^l desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 605.ⁿ Josh. 15. 8.
^o 2 Kin. 23. 10.
ch. 7. 31.^p Heb. *the sun
gate.*^q ch. 17. 20.^r 1 Sam. 3. 11.
^s 2 Kin. 21. 12.
^t Deut. 28. 20.
Isai. 65. 11.
ch. 2. 13, 17,
19. & 15. 6.
& 17. 13.^u 2 Kin. 21. 16.
ch. 2. 34.
^v ch. 7. 31, 32.
& 32. 35.^w Lev. 18. 21.^x Josh. 15. 8.^y Lev. 26. 17.
Deut. 28. 25.^z Ps. 79. 2.
ch. 7. 33. &
16. 4. & 34. 20.^a ch. 18. 16.
& 49. 13. &
50. 13.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 605.

^m Lev. 26. 29.
Deut. 28. 53.
Isai. 9. 20.
Lam. 4. 10.

ⁿ So ch. 51. 63,
64.

^o Ps. 2. 9.
Isai. 30. 14.
Lam. 4. 2.

^p Heb. *be
healed.*
^q ch. 7. 32.

^q 2 Kin. 23. 10.

^r 2 Kin. 23. 12.
ch. 32. 29.
Zeph. 1. 5.
^s ch. 7. 18.

^t See 2 Chron.
20. 5.

^u ch. 7. 26. &
17. 23.

cir. 605.
^v 1 Chron. 24.
14.

9 And I will cause them to eat the ^m flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

10 ⁿ Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee,

11 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^o Even so will I break this people and this city, as *one* breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot ² be made whole again: and they shall ^p bury them in Tophet, till *there be* no place to bury.

12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this city as Tophet:

13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled ^q as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose ^r roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and ^s have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in ^t the court of the LORD's house; and said to all the people,

15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because ^u they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

CHAPTER XX.

1 *Pashur, smiting Jeremiah, receiveth a new name, and a fearful doom. 7 Jeremiah complaineth of contempt, 10 of treachery, 14 and of his birth.*

NOW Pashur the son of ^a Immer the priest, who *was* also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

2 Then Pashur ^snote Jeremiah

the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of the LORD.

3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but ² Magor-missabib.

4 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold *it*: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

5 Moreover I ^b will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.

6 And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast ^c prophesied lies.

7 ¶ O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was ^d deceived: ^e thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: ^f I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

8 For since I spake, I cried out, ^f I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a ^g burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and ^h I could not *stay*.

10 ¶ ⁱ For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, *say they*, and we will report it.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 605.

² That is, *Fear round about*, Ps. 31. 13. ver. 10. ch. 6. 25. & 46. 5. & 49. 29.

^b 2 Kin. 20. 17. & 24. 12,—16. & 25. 13, &c. ch. 3. 24.

^c ch. 14. 13, 14. & 28. 15. & 29. 21.

^d Or, *enticed*.
^e ch. 1. 6, 7.

^f Lam. 3. 14.

^f ch. 6. 7.

^g Job 32. 18, 19. Ps. 39. 3.

^h Job 32. 18. Acts 18. 5.

ⁱ Ps. 31. 13.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 605.^a Heb. *Every man of my peace.*^k Job 19. 19.
Ps. 41. 9. &
55. 13, 14.
Luke 11. 53,
54.^l ch. 1. 8, 19.^m ch. 15. 20.
& 17. 18.ⁿ ch. 23. 40.^o ch. 11. 20.

& 17. 10.

^p Ps. 54. 7. &
59. 10.^q Ps. 35. 9, 10.
& 109. 30, 31.^r Job 3. 3.
ch. 15. 10.^s Gen. 19. 25.^t ch. 18. 22.^u Job 3. 10, 11.^x Job 3. 20.^y Lam. 3. 1.

cir. 589.

^a ch. 38. 1.^b 2 Kin. 25. 18.
ch. 29. 25.
& 37. 3.

² ^k All my familiars watched for my halting, *saying*, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

11 But ^l the LORD *is* with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not ^m prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* ⁿ everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

12 But, O LORD of hosts, that ^o triest the righteous, *and* seest the reins and the heart, ^p let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for ^q he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

14 ¶ ^r Cursed *be* the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

15 Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad.

16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD ^s overthrew, and repented not: and let him ^t hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide;

17 ^u Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb *to be* always great *with me*.

18 ^x Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to ^y see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

CHAPTER XXI.

¹ Zedekiah sendeth to Jeremiah to enquire the event of Nebuchadrezzar's war. ³ Jeremiah foretelleth a hard siege and miserable captivity. ⁸ He counselleth the people to fall to the Chaldeans, ¹¹ and upbraideth the king's house.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him ^a Pashur the son of Melchiah, and ^b Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,

2 ^o Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

3 ¶ Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah:

4 Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and ^d I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

5 And I myself will fight against you with an ^e outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.

7 And afterward, saith the LORD, ^f I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; ^g he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

8 ¶ And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, ^h I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

9 He that ⁱ abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and ^k his life shall be unto him for a prey.

10 For I have ^l set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: ^m it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall ⁿ burn it with fire.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 589.^o ch. 37. 3, 7.^d Isai. 13. 4.^e Ex. 6. 6.^f ch. 37. 17. &
39. 5. & 52. 9.^g Deut. 28. 50.
2 Chron. 36.
17.^h Deut. 30. 19.ⁱ ch. 38. 2, 17,
18.^k ch. 39. 18.
& 45. 5.^l Lev. 17. 10.
ch. 44. 11.
Amos 9. 4.^m ch. 38. 3.ⁿ ch. 34. 2, 22.
& 37. 10. &
38. 18, 23.
& 52. 13.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 609.^o ch. 22. 3.
Zech. 7. 9.
^p Heb. *Judge*.
^p Ps. 101. 8.^q Ezek. 13. 8.^r Heb.
inhabitant.^r ch. 49. 4.^s Heb. *visit*
upon.^s Prov. 1. 31.
Isai. 3. 10, 11.^t 2 Chron. 36.
19. ch. 52. 13.

cir. 609.

^a ch. 17. 20.^b ch. 21. 12.^c See ver. 17.^d ch. 17. 25.^e Heb. *for*
David upon
his throne.^e Hebr. 6. 13,
17.

11 ¶ And touching the house of the king of Judah, *say*, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

12 O house of David, thus saith the LORD; ^o ² Execute judgment ^p in the morning, and deliver *him that is* spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

13 Behold, ^q I *am* against thee, O ³ inhabitant of the valley, *and* rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, ^r Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?

14 But I will ⁴ punish you according to the ^s fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and ^t it shall devour all things round about it.

CHAPTER XXII.

1 *He exhorteth to repentance, with promises and threats.* 10 *The judgment of Shallum, 13 of Jehoiakim, 20 and of Coniah.*

THUS saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,

2 And say, ^a Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates:

3 Thus saith the LORD; ^b Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and ^c do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

4 For if ye do this thing indeed, ^d then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting ^e upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

5 But if ye will not hear these words, ^e I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

6 For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Judah; Thou art Gilead unto me, *and* the head

of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make thee a wilderness, *and* cities which are not inhabited.

7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down ^f thy choice cedars, ^g and cast *them* into the fire.

8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, ^h Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?

9 Then they shall answer, ⁱ Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10 ¶ Weep ye not for ^k the dead, neither bemoan him: *but* weep sore for him ^l that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

11 For thus saith the LORD touching ^m Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, ⁿ which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more:

12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13 ¶ ^o Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; ^p that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;

14 That saith, I will build me a wide house and ^q large chambers, and cutteth him out ³ windows; and *it is* cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

15 Shalt thou reign, because thou closest *thyself* in cedar? ^r did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, *and* then ^s *it was* well with him?

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was* well *with him*: *was* not this to know me? saith the LORD.

17 ^t But thine eyes and thine heart *are* not but for thy covetousness,

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 609.^f Isai. 37. 24.
^g ch. 21. 14.^h Deut. 29. 24,
25.
ⁱ 1 Kin. 9. 8, 9.^j 2 Kin. 22. 17.
^k 2 Chron. 34.
25.^k 2 Kin. 22. 20.^l ver. 11.^m See 1 Chron.
3. 15. with
ⁿ 2 Kin. 23. 30.
ⁿ 2 Kin. 23. 34.^o 2 Kin. 23. 35.
ver. 18.^p Lev. 19. 13.
Deut. 24. 14,
15. Mic. 3. 10.
Hab. 2. 9.
Jam. 5. 4.^q Heb.
through-
aired.
^r Or, *my*
windows.^s 2 Kin. 23. 25.^t Ps. 128. 2.
Isai. 3. 10.^u Ezek. 19. 6.

BEFORE
CHRIST
chr. 609.^a Or, incursion.^b ch. 16. 4, 6.^c See 1 Kings
13. 30.
Fulfilled
599.^d 2 Chron. 36. 6.
ch. 36. 30.

599.

^e Heb.
prosperities.^f ch. 3. 25. &
7. 23, &c.^g ch. 23. 1.^h ver. 20.ⁱ Heb.
inhabitantess.^j ch. 6. 24.^k See 2 Kings
24. 6, 8.
1 Chron. 3. 16.
ch. 37. 1.^l Cant. 8. 6.
Hag. 2. 23.^m ch. 34. 20.ⁿ 2 Kin. 24. 15.
2 Chron. 36.
10.^o Heb. lift up
their mind,
ch. 44. 14.^p Ps. 31. 12.
ch. 48. 38.
Hos. 8. 8.

and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for ²violence, to do it.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; ¹'They shall not lament for him, *saying*, "Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

19 ^{*}He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 ¶ Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed.

21 I spake unto thee in thy ³prosperity; *but* thou saidst, I will not hear. ^yThis *hath been* thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice.

22 The wind shall eat up all ^{*}thy pastors, and ^{*}thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

23 O ⁴inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, ^bthe pain as of a woman in travail!

24 *As* I live, saith the LORD, ^cthough Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah ^dwere the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;

25 ^eAnd I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand *of them* whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 ^fAnd I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.

27 But to the land whereunto they ⁵desire to return, thither shall they not return.

28 *Is* this man Coniah a despised broken idol? *is he* ⁶a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure? wherefore are

they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

29 ^hO earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.

30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man ⁱchildless, a man *that* shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, ^ksitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

CHAPTER XXIII.

1 *He prophesieth a restoration of the scattered flock. 5 Christ shall rule and save them. 9 Against false prophets, 33 and mockers of the true prophets.*

WOE ^{*}be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: ^bbehold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

3 And ^cI will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 And I will set up ^dshepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

5 ¶ Behold, ^ethe days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, ^fand shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6 ^gIn his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel ^hshall dwell safely: and ⁱthis *is* his name whereby he shall be called, ²THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, behold, ^kthe days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

BEFORE
CHRIST
599.^a Deut. 32. 1.
Isai. 1. 2. &
34. 1.
Mic. 1. 2.^b See 1 Chron.
3. 16, 17.
Matt. 1. 12.^c ch. 36. 30.

599.

^d ch. 10. 21.
& 22. 22.
Ezek. 34. 2.^e Ex. 32. 34.^f ch. 32. 37.
Ezek. 34. 13,
&c.^g ch. 3. 15.
Ezek. 34. 23,
&c.^h Isai. 4. 2.
& 11. 1. &
40. 10, 11.
ch. 33. 14, 15,
16. Dan. 9. 24.
Zech. 3. 8.
& 6. 12.
John 1. 45.ⁱ Ps. 72. 2.
Isai. 9. 7. &
32. 1, 18.^j Deut. 33. 28.
Zech. 14. 11.
^k ch. 32. 37.^l ch. 33. 16.
1 Cor. 1. 30.^m Heb. *Jehovah-
tsidkenu.*
ⁿ ch. 16. 14, 15.

BEFORE
CHRIST
599.¹ Isai. 43. 5, 6.
ver. 3.^m See Hab. 3.
16.ⁿ ch. 5. 7, 8.
& 9. 2.
^o Hos. 4. 2, 3.
^p Or, *cursing*.
^q ch. 9. 10.
& 12. 4.
^r Or, *violence*.^q ch. 6. 13.
& 8. 10.
Zeph. 3. 4.
^r ch. 7. 30.
& 11. 15.
& 32. 34.
Ezek. 8. 11.
& 23. 39.
^s Ps. 35. 6.
Prov. 4. 19.
ch. 13. 16.
^t ch. 11. 23.^u Or, *an absurd thing*.
^v Heb.
unsavoury.
^w ch. 2. 8.
^x Isai. 9. 16.^y Or, *filliness*.
^z ch. 29. 23.
^{aa} ver. 26.
^{ab} Ezek. 13. 22.^{ac} Deut. 32. 32.
Isai. 1. 9, 10.^{ad} ch. 8. 14.
& 9. 15.
^{ae} Or, *hypocrisy*.^{af} ch. 14. 14.
ver. 21.

8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, ¹and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

9 ¶ Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; ^mall my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness.

10 For ⁿthe land is full of adulterers; for ^obecause of ²swearing the land mourneth; ^pthe pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their ³course is evil, and their force *is* not right.

11 For ^qboth prophet and priest are profane; yea, ^rin my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.

12 ^sWherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery *ways* in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I ^twill bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

13 And I have seen ^ufolly in the prophets of Samaria; ^vthey prophesied in Baal, and ^xcaused my people Israel to err.

14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem ^yan horrible thing: ^zthey commit adultery, and ^{aa}walk in lies: they ^{ab}strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as ^{ac}Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with ^{ad}wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is ^{ae}profaneness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: ^{af}they speak a

vision of their own heart, *and* not out of the mouth of the LORD.

17 They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, ^{ag}Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the ^{ah}imagination of his own heart, ^{ai}No evil shall come upon you.

18 For ^{aj}who hath stood in the ^{ak}counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard *it*?

19 Behold, a ^{al}whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

20 The ^{am}anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: ^{an}in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

21 ^{ao}I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had ^{ap}stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have ^{aq}turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23 *Am* I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any ^{ar}hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. ^{as}Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, ^{at}as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

28 The prophet ^{au}that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my

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599.^{av} ch. 6. 14.
& 8. 11.
Ezek. 13. 10.
Zech. 10. 2.
^{aw} Or, *stubbornness*, ch. 13. 10.
^{ax} Mic. 3. 11.
^{ay} Job 15. 8.
1 Cor. 2. 16.
^{az} Or, *secret*.^{ba} ch. 25. 32.
& 30. 23.^{bb} ch. 30. 24.^{bc} Gen. 49. 1.^{bd} ch. 14. 14. &
27. 15. & 29. 9.^{be} ver. 18.^{bf} ch. 25. 5.^{bg} Ps. 139. 7, &c.
Amos 9. 2, 3.^{bh} 1 Kin. 8. 27.
Ps. 139. 7.^{bi} Judg. 3. 7.
& 8. 33, 34.^{bj} Heb. *with whom* is.

BEFORE CHRIST 599.	word faithfully. What <i>is</i> the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.	89 Therefore, behold, I, even I, ^x will utterly forget you, and ^y I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, <i>and cast you out of my presence</i> :	BEFORE CHRIST 599.
^r Deut. 18. 20. ch. 14. 14, 15.	29 <i>Is</i> not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer <i>that</i> breaketh the rock in pieces?	40 And I will bring ^a an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.	^x Hos. 4. 6. ^y ver. 33.
^a Or, <i>that smooth their tongues.</i>	30 Therefore, behold, ^r I <i>am</i> against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.	CHAPTER XXIV.	^a ch. 20. 11.
^a Zeph. 3. 4.	31 Behold, I <i>am</i> against the prophets, saith the LORD, ² that use their tongues, and say, He saith.	1 <i>Under the type of good and bad figs, 4 he foresheweth the restoration of them that were in captivity, 8 and the desolation of Zedekiah and the rest.</i>	cir. 598. ^a Amos 7. 1, 4. & 8. 1.
^t Mal. 1. 1.	32 Behold, I <i>am</i> against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by ^a their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.	THE ^a LORD shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs <i>were</i> set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar ^b king of Babylon had carried away captive ^c Jecooniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.	^b 2 Kin. 24. 12, &c. ^c 2 Chron. 36. 10. ^d See ch. 22. 24, &c. & 29. 2.
^u ver. 39.	33 ¶ And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What <i>is</i> ^t the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? ^u I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.	2 One basket <i>had</i> very good figs, <i>even</i> like the figs <i>that are</i> first ripe: and the other basket <i>had</i> very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, ² they were so bad.	^e Heb. <i>for badness.</i>
^a Heb. <i>visit upon.</i>	34 And <i>as for</i> the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even ³ punish that man and his house.	3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.	^f Heb. <i>the captivity.</i>
	35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?	4 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,	^d ch. 12. 15, & 29. 10. ^e ch. 32. 41. & 33. 7. & 42. 10.
	36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.	5 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge ³ them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for <i>their good</i> .	^f Deut. 30. 6. ch. 32. 39. Ezek. 11. 19. & 36. 26, 27. ^g ch. 30. 22. & 31. 33. & 32. 38.
	37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?	6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and ^a I will bring them again to this land: and ^e I will build them, and not pull <i>them</i> down; and I will plant them, and not pluck <i>them</i> up.	
	38 But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;	7 And I will give them ^r an heart to know me, that I <i>am</i> the LORD: and they shall be ^a my people, and I will be their God: for they shall	

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CHRIST
cir. 598.^h ch. 29. 13.
ⁱ ch. 29. 17.^k See ch. 43,
& 44.^l Heb. *for re-
moving, or,
revocation.*¹ Deut. 28. 25,
37.¹ Kin. 9. 7.
² Chron. 7. 20.
ch. 15. 4. &
29. 18. & 34. 17.^m Ps. 44. 13, 14.
ⁿ ch. 29. 18, 22.

return unto me ^h with their whole heart.

8 ¶ And as the evil ⁱ figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and ^k them that dwell in the land of Egypt:

9 And I will deliver them ² to ¹ be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for *their* hurt, ^m to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt ⁿ and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.

10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

CHAPTER XXV.

1 Jeremiah reproveth the Jews' disobedience to the prophets, 8 foretelleth the seventy years' captivity, 12 and after that, the destruction of Babylon. 15 Under the type of a cup of wine he foresheweth the destruction of all nations. 34 The howling of the shepherds.

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah ^a in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that *was* the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

2 The which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 ^b From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that *is* the three and twentieth year, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; ^c but ye have not hearkened.

4 And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, ^d rising early and sending *them*; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.

5 They said, ^e Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and

from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever:

6 And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.

7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the LORD; that ye might ^f provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words,

9 Behold, I will send and take ^g all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, ^h my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and ⁱ make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 Moreover ² I will take from them the ^k voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, ¹ the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 ¶ And it shall come to pass, ^m when ^{*} seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will ³ punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, ⁿ and will make it perpetual desolations.

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.

14 ^o For many nations ^p and great kings shall ^a serve themselves of them also: ^r and I will recompense

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CHRIST
cir. 606.^f Deut. 32. 21.
ch. 7. 19. &
32. 30.^g ch. 1. 15.^h ch. 27. 6.
& 43. 10.
See Isai. 44.
28. & 45. 1.
ch. 40. 2.ⁱ ch. 18. 16.^j Heb. *I will
cause to perish
from them.*^k Isai. 24. 7.
ch. 7. 34.
& 16. 9.
Ezek. 26. 13.
Hos. 2. 11.
Rev. 18. 23.
^l Eccles. 12. 4.^m 2 Chron. 36.
21, 22.
Ezra 1. 1.
ch. 29. 10.
Dan. 9. 2.ⁿ Beginning
cir. 606.
2 Kin. 24. 1.
Ending
cir. 536.
Ezra 1. 1.^o Heb. *visit
upon.*^p Isai. 13. 19.
& 14. 23. &
21. 1, &c.
& 47. 1.
ch. 50. 3, 13,
23, 39, 40, 45.
& 51. 25, 26.^q ch. 50. 9. &
51. 27, 28.^r ch. 50. 41.
& 51. 27.^s ch. 27. 7.^t ch. 50. 29.
& 51. 6, 24.607.
Ending.
606.
Beginning.
^a ch. 36. 1.^b ch. 1. 2.
From 629.
till 606.^c ch. 7. 13.
& 11. 7, 8, 10.
& 13. 10, 11. &
16. 12. & 17. 23.
& 18. 12. &
19. 15. & 22. 21.^d ch. 7. 13, 25.
& 26. 5. &
29. 19.^e 2 Kin. 17. 13.
ch. 18. 11.
& 35. 15.
Jonah 3. 8.

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cir. 606.

* Job 21. 20.
Ps. 75. 8.
Isai. 51. 17.
Rev. 14. 10.

* ch. 51. 7.
Ezek. 23. 34.
Nah. 3. 11.

^a ver. 9, 11.

* ch. 24. 9.

^y ch. 46. 2, 25.

* ver. 24.

* Job 1. 1.

^b ch. 47. 1, 5, 7.

^c See Isai. 20. 1.

^d ch. 49. 7, &c.

^e ch. 48. 1.

^f ch. 49. 1.

^g ch. 47. 4.

^h Or, region by the sea side.

ⁱ ch. 49. 23.

^j ch. 49. 8.

^k Heb. cut off into corners, or, having the corners of the hair polled; ch. 9. 26. & 49. 32.

^l 2 Chron. 9. 14.

^m See ver. 20.

ch. 49. 31.

& 50. 37.

Ezek. 30. 5.

ⁿ ch. 49. 34.

^o ch. 50. 9.

^p ch. 51. 41.

^q Hab. 2. 16.

them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

15 ¶ For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.

16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.

17 Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:

18 To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;

19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,

22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea,

23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners,

24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,

25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

27 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and

be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.

28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink.

29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

34 ¶ Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel.

35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.

36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard:

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cir. 606.

^a Isai. 51. 21. & 63. 6.

^b Prov. 11. 31. ch. 49. 12. Ezek. 9. 6. Obad. 16. Luke 23. 31. 1 Pet. 4. 17.

^c Heb. upon which my name is called.

^d Dan. 9. 18, 19.

^e Ezek. 38. 21.

^f Isai. 42. 13. Joel 3. 16. Amos 1. 2.

^g Ps. 11. 4. ch. 17. 12.

^h 1 Kin. 9. 3. Ps. 132. 14.

ⁱ Isai. 16. 9. ch. 48. 33.

^j Hos. 4. 1. Mic. 6. 2.

^k Isai. 66. 16. Joel 3. 2.

^l ch. 23. 19. & 30. 23.

^m Isai. 66. 16.

ⁿ ch. 16. 4, 6.

^o Ps. 79. 3. ch. 8. 2.

Rev. 11. 9.

^p ch. 4. 8. & 6. 26.

^q Heb. your days for slaughter.

^r Heb. a vessel of desire.

^s Heb. flight shall perish from the shepherds, and escaping from, &c. Amos 2. 14.

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CHRIST
cir. 606.^b Ps. 76. 2.^a Heb.
a desolation.610.
Ending.
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Beginning.^a ch. 19. 14.^b Ezek. 3. 10.
Matt. 28. 20.^c Acts 20. 27.^d ch. 36. 3.^e ch. 18. 8.
Jonah 3. 8, 9.^f Lev. 26. 14, &c.
Deut. 28. 15.^g ch. 7. 13, 25.
& 11. 7. &
25. 3, 4.^h 1 Sam. 4. 10,
11. Ps. 78. 60.
ch. 7. 12, 14.
ⁱ Isai. 65. 15.
ch. 24. 9.

for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.

87 And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

88 He hath forsaken ^b his covert, as the lion : for their land is ² desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

CHAPTER XXVI.

¹ Jeremiah by promises and threatenings exhorteth to repentance. ⁸ He is therefore apprehended, ¹⁰ and arraigned. ¹² His apology. ¹⁶ He is quit in judgment, by the example of Micah, ²⁰ and of Urijah, ²⁴ and by the care of Ahikam.

IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying,

² Thus saith the LORD ; Stand in ^a the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, ^b all the words that I command thee to speak unto them ; ^c diminish not a word :

³ ^d If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may ^e repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

⁴ And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD ; ^f If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

⁵ To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, ^g whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending *them*, but ye have not hearkened ;

⁶ Then will I make this house like ^h Shiloh, and will make this city ⁱ a curse to all the nations of the earth.

⁷ So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

⁸ ¶ Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had

commanded *him* to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

⁹ Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant ? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ ¶ When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down ² in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house.

¹¹ Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, ³ This man *is* worthy to die ; ^k for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

¹² ¶ Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

¹³ Therefore now ^l amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God ; and the LORD will ^m repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

¹⁴ As for me, behold, ⁿ I *am* in your hand : do with me ⁴ as seemeth good and meet unto you.

¹⁵ But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof : for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

¹⁶ ¶ Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets ; This man *is* not worthy to die : for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.

¹⁷ ^o Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying,

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CHRIST
cir. 609.² Or, at the door.³ Heb. The judgment of death is for this man.
^k ch. 38. 4.^l ch. 7. 3.^m ver. 3, 19.ⁿ ch. 38. 5.⁴ Heb. as it is good and right in your eyes.^o See Acts 5. 34, &c.

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^p Mic. 1. 1.

^q Mic. 3. 12.

^r 2 Chron. 32.
26.

^s Heb. *the face
of the LORD.*

^t Ex. 32. 14.
2 Sam. 24. 16.

^u Acts 5. 39.

18 ^p Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; "Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? ^r did he not fear the LORD, and besought ^s the LORD, and the LORD ^t repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? ^u Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.

20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah:

21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt;

22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and *certain* men with him into Egypt.

23 And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the ^v common people.

24 Nevertheless ^w the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

CHAPTER XXVII.

¹ Under the type of bonds and yokes he prophesieth the subduing of the neighbour kings unto Nebuchadnezzar. ² He exhorteth them to yield, and not to believe the false prophets. ³ The like he doeth to Zedekiah. ⁴ He foretelleth, the remnant of the vessels shall be carried to Babylon, and there continue until the day of visitation.

IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah ^a king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

² Thus ^b saith the LORD to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, ^c and put them upon thy neck,

³ And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;

⁴ And command them ^d to say unto their masters, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters;

⁵ ^e I have made the earth, the man and the beast that *are* upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and ^f have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

⁶ ^g And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, ^h my servant; and ⁱ the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.

⁷ ^j And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, ^k until the very time of his land come: ^l and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

⁸ And it shall come to pass, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

⁹ Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your ^m dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:

¹⁰ ⁿ For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your

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cir. 598.

^a See ver. 3, 12,
20. ch. 28. 1.

^b Or, *hath the
LORD said.*

^c ch. 28. 10, 12.
So Ezek. 4. 1.
& 12. 3. &
24. 3, &c.

^d Or, *concern-
ing their
masters,
saying.*

^e Ps. 115. 15.
& 146. 6.
Isai. 45. 12.

^f Ps. 115. 16.
Dan. 4. 17,
25, 32.

^g ch. 28. 14.

^h ch. 25. 9.
& 43. 10.
Ezek. 29. 18,
20.

ⁱ ch. 28. 14.
Dan. 2. 38.

^j 2 Chron. 36.
20.

^k ch. 25. 12.
& 50. 27.
Dan. 5. 26.

^l ch. 25. 14.

^m Heb. *dreams.*

ⁿ ver. 14.

cir. 609.

^v Heb. *sons of
the people.*

^w 2 Kin. 22. 12,
14. ch. 39. 14.

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m ch. 28. 1.
& 38. 17.

n Ezek. 18. 31.

o ch. 14. 14.
& 23. 21. &
29. 8, 9.

p Heb. *in a lie*,
or, *lyingly*.

p 2 Chron. 36.
7, 10.
ch. 28. 3.
Dan. 1. 2.

q 2 Kin. 25. 13,
& c. ch. 52. 17,
20, 21.

land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish.

11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 ¶ I spake also to m Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.

13 n Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?

14 Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy o a lie unto you.

15 For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy p a lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Harken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, p the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.

17 Harken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city be laid waste?

18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.

19 ¶ For thus saith the LORD of hosts q concerning the pillars, and

concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city,

20 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away r captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;

21 Yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;

22 They shall be s carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I t visit them, saith the LORD; then u will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

1 Hananiah prophesieth falsely the return of the vessels, and of Jeconiah. 5 Jeremiah, wishing it to be true, sheweth that the event will declare who are true prophets. 10 Hananiah breaketh Jeremiah's yoke. 12 Jeremiah telleth of an iron yoke, 15 and foretelleth Hananiah's death.

AND v it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken b the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 c Within d two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon:

4 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the e captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will

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r 2 Kin. 24. 14,
15. ch. 24. 1.

s 2 Kin. 25. 13.
2 Chron. 36. 18.

t 2 Chron. 36.
21. ch. 29. 10.
& 32. 5.

u Ezra 1. 7.
& 7. 19.

v cir. 596.
ch. 27. 1.

b ch. 27. 12.

c ch. 27. 16.
d Heb. *two*
years of days.

e Heb.
captivity.

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cir. 596.

break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 ¶ Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the LORD,

^d 1 Kin. 1. 36.

6 Even the prophet Jeremiah said, ^d Amen : the LORD do so : the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

7 Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people ;

8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

^e Deut. 18. 22.

9 ^e The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.

^f ch. 27. 2.

10 ¶ Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.

^g ch. 27. 7.

11 And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD ; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon ^g from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah *the prophet*, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD ; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood ; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.

^h Deut. 28. 48.
ch. 27. 7.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel ; ^h I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Ba-

bylon ; and they shall serve him : and ⁱ I have given him the beasts of the field also.

15 ¶ Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah ; The LORD hath not sent thee ; but ^k thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD ; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth : this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught ^l rebellion against the LORD.

17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

CHAPTER XXIX.

1 *Jeremiah sendeth a letter to the captives in Babylon, to be quiet there, 8 and not to believe the dreams of their prophets, 10 and that they shall return with grace after seventy years. 15 He foretelleth the destruction of the rest for their disobedience. 20 He sheweth the fearful end of Ahab and Zedekiah, two lying prophets. 24 Shemaiah writeth a letter against Jeremiah. 30 Jeremiah readeth his doom.*

NOW these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon ;

2 (After that ^a Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the ^b eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem ;)

3 By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon ;

5 ^b Build ye houses, and dwell *in them* ; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them ;

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ⁱ ch. 27. 6.

^k ch. 29. 31.
Ezek. 13. 22.

^l Deut. 13. 5.
ch. 29. 32.

^m Heb. *revolt*.
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cir. 599.

^a 2 Kin. 24. 12,
&c. ch. 22. 26.
& 28. 4.

^b Or, *chamberlains*.

^c ver. 28.

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6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

8 ¶ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

9 ° For they prophesy ² falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

10 ¶ For thus saith the LORD, That after ¹ seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an ³ expected end.

12 Then shall ye ⁴ call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ⁵ ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me ¹ with all your heart.

14 And ⁶ I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and ¹ I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

15 ¶ Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon;

16 Know that thus saith the LORD of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city,

and of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the ^m sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like ⁿ vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and ^o will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, ² to be ^p a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them:

19 Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which ^q I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.

20 ¶ Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;

22 ^r And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, ^s whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

23 Because ^t they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD.

24 ¶ Thus shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the ³ Nehelamite, saying,

25 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in

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^m ch. 24. 10.

ⁿ ch. 24. 8.

^o Deut. 28. 25.
2 Chron. 29. 8.
ch. 15. 4. &
24. 9. & 34. 17.
^p Heb. for a
curse.
^q ch. 26. 6.
ch. 42. 18.

^r ch. 25. 4.
& 32. 33.

^r See Gen. 48.
20.
Isai. 65. 15.

^s Dan. 3. 6.

^t ch. 23. 14.

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^u Or, dreamer.

^o Ezra 6. 10.
1 Tim. 2. 2.

^d ch. 14. 14.
& 23. 21. &
27. 14, 15.
Eph. 5. 6.

^e ver. 31.
^f Heb. in a lie.

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^f 2 Chron. 36.
21, 22.
Ezra 1. 1.
ch. 25. 12.
& 27. 22.
Dan. 9. 2.

^g Heb. end and
expectation.
^h Dan. 9. 3, &c.

^h Lev. 26. 39,
40, &c.
Deut. 30. 1,
&c.
ⁱ ch. 24. 7.
^k Deut. 4. 7.
Ps. 32. 6.
& 46. 1.
Isai. 55. 6.
^j ch. 23. 3, 8.
& 30. 3. &
32. 37.

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^a 2 Kin. 25. 18.
ch. 21. 1.

^{*} ch. 20. 1.

⁷ 2 Kin. 9. 11.
Acts 26. 24.
^a ch. 20. 2.

^a ver. 5.

^b ch. 28. 15.

^o ch. 28. 16.
^a Heb. *revolt*.

thy name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, ^aand to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be ^{*}officers in the house of the LORD, for every man *that is* ^ymad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest ^{*}put him in prison, and in the stocks.

27 Now therefore why hast thou not reprov'd Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you?

28 For therefore he sent unto us in Babylon, saying, This *captivity is long*: ^abuild ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, ^band I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie:

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; ^cbecause he hath taught ^{*}rebellion against the LORD.

CHAPTER XXX.

1 God sheweth Jeremiah the return of the Jews. 4 After their trouble they shall have deliverance. 10 He comforteth Jacob. 18 Their return shall be gracious. 20 Wrath shall fall on the wicked.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that ^aI will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: ^band I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 ¶ And these *are* the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, ²of fear, and not of peace.

6 Ask ye now, and see whether ³a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, ^cas a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

7 ^dAlas! for that day *is* great, ^eso that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and ^fDavid their king, whom I will ^{*}raise up unto them.

10 ¶ Therefore ^bfear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed ⁱfrom the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid.

11 For I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: ^kthough I make a full end of all nations whether I have scattered thee, ^lyet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee ^min measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

12 For thus saith the LORD, ⁿThy bruise *is* incurable, *and* thy wound *is* grievous.

13 *There is* none to plead thy cause, ^othat thou mayest be bound up: ^othou hast no healing medicines.

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^a ver. 18.
ch. 32. 44.
Ezek. 39. 25.
Amos 9. 14, 15.
^b ch. 16. 15.

² Or, there *is* fear, and not peace.
³ Heb. *a male*.

^c ch. 4. 31.
& 6. 24.

^d Joel 2. 11, 31.
Amos 5. 18.
Zeph. 1. 14, &c.
^e Dan. 12. 1.

^f Isai. 55. 3, 4.
Ezek. 34. 23.
& 37. 24.
Hos. 3. 5.
^g Luke 1. 69.
Acts 2. 30.
& 13. 23.
^h Isai. 41. 13.
& 43. 5. & 44. 2.
ch. 46. 27, 28.
ⁱ ch. 3. 18.

^k Amos 9. 8.

^l ch. 4. 27.

^m Ps. 6. 1.
Isai. 27. 8.
ch. 10. 24.
& 46. 28.

ⁿ 2 Chron. 36. 16. ch. 15. 18.

^o Heb. *for binding up, or, pressing*.
^o ch. 8. 22.

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^p Lam. 1. 2.
^q Job 13. 24.
& 16. 9. &
19. 11.
^r Job 30. 21.
^s ch. 5. 6.
^t ch. 15. 18.

^u Ex. 23. 22.
Isai. 33. 1.
& 41. 11.
ch. 10. 25.

^x ch. 33. 6.

^y ver. 3.
ch. 33. 7, 11.
^z Ps. 102. 13.

^a Or, little hill.

^b Isai. 35. 10.
& 51. 11.
ch. 31. 4, 12, 13.
& 33. 10, 11.
^c Zech. 10. 8.

^d Isai. 1. 26.

^e Gen. 49. 10.

^f Num. 16. 5.

^g ch. 24. 7.
& 31. 1, 33.
& 32. 38.
Ezek. 11. 20.
& 36. 28. &
37. 27.
^h ch. 23. 19, 20.
& 25. 32.

14 ^pAll thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound ^qof an enemy, with the chastisement ^rof a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; ^s*because* thy sins were increased.

15 Why ^tcriest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow *is* incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: *because* thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

16 Therefore all they that devour thee ^ushall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

17 ^xFor I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, *saying*, This *is* Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

18 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; Behold, ^yI will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and ^zhave mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own ^aheap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

19 And ^bout of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: ^cand I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

20 Their children also shall be ^das aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, ^eand their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will ^fcause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who *is* this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.

22 And ye shall be ^g'my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, the ^h'whirlwind of the

LORD goeth forth with fury, a ⁱcontinuing whirlwind: it shall ^jfall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done *it*, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: ^kin the latter days ye shall consider it.

CHAPTER XXXI.

1 *The restoration of Israel.* 10 *The publication thereof.* 15 *Rahel mourning is comforted.* 18 *Ephraim repenting is brought home again.* 22 *Christ is promised.* 27 *His care over the church.* 31 *His new covenant.* 35 *The stability,* 38 *and amplitude of the church.*

AT ⁱthe same time, saith the LORD, ^jwill I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

2 Thus saith the LORD, The people *which were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; *even* Israel, when ^kI went to cause him to rest.

3 The LORD hath appeared ^lof old unto me, *saying*, Yea, ^mI have loved thee with ⁿan everlasting love: therefore ^owith lovingkindness have I ^pdrawn thee.

4 Again ^qI will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy ^rtabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

5 ^sThou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall ^teat *them* as common things.

6 For there shall be a day, *that* the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, ^uArise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

7 For thus saith the LORD; ^vSing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold, I will bring them ^wfrom the north country, and ^xgather

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^y Heb. *cutting*.
^z Or, *remain*.

^a Gen. 49. 1.

^b ch. 30. 24.

^c ch. 30. 22.

^d Num. 10. 33.
Deut. 1. 33.
Ps. 95. 11.
Isai. 63. 14.

^e Heb. *from afar*.

^f Mal. 1. 2.

^g Rom. 11. 28, 29.

^h Or, *have I extended lovingkindness unto thee*.

ⁱ Hos. 11. 4.

^j ch. 33. 7.

^k Ex. 15. 20.
Judg. 11. 34.
Ps. 149. 3.

^l Or, *timbrels*.

^m Isai. 65. 21.
Amos 9. 14.

ⁿ Heb. *profane them*,
Deut. 20. 6.
& 28. 30.

^o Isai. 2. 3.
Mic. 4. 2.

^p Isai. 12. 5, 6.

^q ch. 3. 12, 18.
& 23. 8.

^r Ezek. 20. 34,
41. & 34. 13.

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^o Ps. 126. 5, 6.
ch. 50. 4.
^o Or, *favours*,
Zech. 12. 10.
^p Isai. 35. 8.
& 43. 19. &
49. 10, 11.

^q Ex. 4. 22.

^r Isai. 40. 11.
Ezek. 34. 12,
13, 14.

^s Isai. 44. 23.
& 48. 20.
^t Isai. 49. 24, 25.

^u Ezek. 17. 23.
& 20. 40.
^v Hos. 3. 5.

^w Isai. 58. 11.
^x Isai. 35. 10.
& 65. 19.
Rev. 21. 4.

^y Matt. 2. 17, 18.
^z Josh. 18. 25.

^a Gen. 42. 13.

^b ver. 4, 5.
Ezra 1. 5.
Hos. 1. 11.

them from the coasts of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

9 ^o They shall come with weeping, and with ²supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk ^p by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim *is* my ^qfirstborn.

10 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel ^rwill gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd *doth* his flock.

11 For ^sthe LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him ^tfrom the hand of *him that was* stronger than he.

12 Therefore they shall come and sing in ^uthe height of Zion, and shall flow together to ^vthe goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a ^wwatered garden; ^xand they shall not sorrow any more at all.

13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

15 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; ^yA voice was heard in ^zRamah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because ^athey *were* not.

16 Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and ^bthey shall come again from the land of the enemy.

17 And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

18 ¶ I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself *thus*; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed *to the yoke*: ^cturn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou *art* the LORD my God.

19 Surely ^dafter that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon *my* thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

20 *Is* Ephraim my dear son? *is he* a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: ^etherefore my bowels ²are troubled for him; ^fI will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: ^gset thine heart toward the highway, *even* the way *which* thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.

22 ¶ How long wilt thou ^hgo about, O thou ⁱbacksliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; ^mThe LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, *and* ⁿmountain of holiness.

24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and ^oin all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they *that* go forth with flocks.

25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

27 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that ^pI will sow the

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^c Lam. 5. 21.

^d Deut. 30. 2.

^e Deut. 32. 36.
Isai. 63. 15.
Hos. 11. 8.
^f Heb. *sound*.
^g Isai. 57. 18.
Hos. 14. 4.

^h ch. 50. 5.

ⁱ ch. 2. 18, 23,
36.
^j ch. 3. 6, 8, 11,
12, 14, 22.

^m Ps. 122. 5,
6, 7, 8.
Isai. 1. 26.
ⁿ Zech. 8. 3.

^o ch. 33. 12, 13.

^p Ezek. 36. 9,
10, 11.
Hos. 2. 23.
Zech. 10. 9.

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^q ch. 44. 27. ^r ch. 1. 10. & 18. 7.	house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.	<i>then</i> the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.	¹ ch. 33. 22.
^a ch. 24. 6.	28 And it shall come to pass, <i>that</i> like as I have ^a watched over them, ^r to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, ^a to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.	37 Thus saith the LORD; ⁱ If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.	^k Neh. 3. 1. Zech. 14. 10.
^c Ezek. 18. 2, 3.	29 ⁱ In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.	38 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD ^k from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner.	^l Ezek. 40. 8. Zech. 2. 1.
^u Gal. 6. 5, 7.	30 ^u But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.	39 And ^l the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath.	^m 2 Chron. 23. 15. Neh. 3. 28. ⁿ Joel 3. 17.
^x ch. 32. 40. & 33. 14. Ezek. 37. 26. Hebr. 8. 8, —12. & 10. 16, 17.	31 ¶ Behold, the ^x days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:	40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, ^m unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, ⁿ <i>shall be</i> holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.	cir. 590. ^o 2 Kin. 25. 1, 2. ch. 39. 1.
^y Deut. 1. 31.	32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day <i>that</i> ^y I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, ^z although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:	CHAPTER XXXII.	
^a Or, <i>should I have continued an husband unto them?</i> ^a ch. 32. 40.	33 ^a But this <i>shall be</i> the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, ^a I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; ^b and will be their God, and they shall be my people.	¹ Jeremiah, being imprisoned by Zedekiah for his prophecy, ⁶ buyeth Hanameel's field. ¹³ Baruch must preserve the evidences, as tokens of the people's return. ¹⁶ Jeremiah in his prayer complaineth to God. ²⁶ God confirmeth the captivity for their sins, ³⁶ and promiseth a gracious return.	^b Neh. 3. 25. ch. 33. 1. & 37. 21. & 38. 6. & 39. 14.
^a Ps. 40. 8. Ezek. 11. 19, 20. & 36. 26, 27. ² Cor. 3. 3. ^b ch. 24. 7. & 30. 22. & 32. 38.	34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for ^c they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for ^d I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.	T HE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD ^a in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which <i>was</i> the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.	^c ch. 34. 2.
^e Isai. 54. 13. John 6. 45. ¹ Cor. 2. 10. ¹ John 2. 20.	35 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, ^e which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth ^f the sea when the waves thereof roar; ^g The LORD of hosts <i>is</i> his name:	² For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up ^h in the court of the prison, which <i>was</i> in the king of Judah's house.	^d ch. 34. 3. & 38. 18, 23. & 39. 5. & 52. 9.
^d ch. 33. 8. & 50. 20. Mic. 7. 18. Acts 10. 43. & 13. 39. Rom. 11. 27.	36 ^h If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD,	⁴ And Zedekiah king of Judah ^d shall not escape out of the hand	
^e Gen. 1. 16. Ps. 72. 5, 17. & 89. 2, 36, 37. & 119. 91.	^f Isai. 51. 15.	^g ch. 10. 16.	^h Ps. 148. 6. Isai. 54. 9, 10. ch. 33. 20.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 590.

^o ch. 27. 22.

^f ch. 21. 4.
& 33. 5.

^g Lev. 25. 24,
25, 32.
Ruth 4. 4.

^h Gen. 23. 16.
Zech. 11. 12.

ⁱ Or, *seven
shekels and
ten pieces of
silver.*

^j Heb. *wrote
in the book.*

^l ch. 36. 4.

^k See Isai. 8. 2.

of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes;

5 And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be ^o until I visit him, saith the LORD: ^f though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper.

6 ¶ And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that *is* in Anathoth: for the *right of redemption is* thine to buy it.

8 So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance *is* thine, and the redemption *is* thine; buy *it* for thyself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD.

9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that *was* in Anathoth, and ^h weighed him the money, *even* ⁱ seventeen shekels of silver.

10 And I ^j subscribed the evidence, and sealed *it*, and took witnesses, and weighed *him* the money in the balances.

11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open:

12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto ^l Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the ^k witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.

13 ¶ And I charged Baruch before them, saying,

14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evi-

dences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

15 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards ¹ shall be possessed again in this land.

16 ¶ Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, saying,

17 Ah Lord God! behold, ^m thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* ⁿ there is nothing ² too hard for thee:

18 Thou shewest ^o lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, ^p the Mighty God, ^q the LORD of hosts, *is* his name,

19 ^r Great in counsel, and mighty in ^s work: for thine ^t eyes *are* open upon all the ways of the sons of men: ^u to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

20 Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, and in Israel, and among *other* men; and hast made thee ^v a name, as at this day;

21 And ^w hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;

22 And hast given them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, ^y a land flowing with milk and honey;

23 And they came in, and possessed it; but ^z they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them:

24 Behold the ^{aa} mounts, they are come unto the city to take it; and

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 590.

¹ ver. 37, 43.

^m 2 Kin. 19. 15.

ⁿ Gen. 18. 14.
ver. 27.
Luke 1. 37.

^o Or, *hid from
thee.*

^p Ex. 20. 6.
& 34. 7.
Deut. 5. 9, 10.

^q Isai. 9. 6.
^r ch. 10. 16.

^s Isai. 28. 29.

^t Heb. *doing.*

^u Job 34. 21.
Ps. 33. 13.
Prov. 5. 21.
ch. 16. 17.
^v ch. 17. 10.

^w Ex. 9. 16.
1 Chron. 17. 21.
Isai. 63. 12.
Dan. 9. 15.
^x Ex. 6. 6.
2 Sam. 7. 23.
1 Chron. 17. 21.
Ps. 136. 11, 12.

^y Ex. 3. 8, 17.
ch. 11. 5.

^z Neh. 9. 26.
ch. 11. 8.
Dan. 9. 10,
—14.

^{aa} Or, *engines
of shot,*
ch. 33. 4.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 590.

^a ver. 25, 36.
^b ch. 14. 12.

^a Or, *though*.
^c ver. 24.

^d Num. 16. 22.
^e ver. 17.

^f ver. 3.

^g ch. 21. 10.
& 37. 8, 10.
& 52. 13.
^h ch. 19. 13.

ⁱ ch. 2. 7.
& 3. 25. &
7. 22,—26.
& 22. 21.
Ezek. 20. 28.

^j Heb. *for my anger*.

^k 2 Kin. 23. 27.
& 24. 3.

^l Isai. 1. 4, 6.
Dan. 9. 8.

^m Heb. *neck*.
ⁿ ch. 2. 27.
& 7. 24.
^o ch. 7. 13.

the city ^ais given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of ^bthe sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest *it*.

25 And thou hast said unto me, O Lord God, Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses; ²for ^cthe city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

27 Behold, I *am* the LORD, the ^dGod of all flesh: ^eis there any thing too hard for me?

28 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, ^fI will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:

29 And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and ^gset fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, ^hupon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah ⁱhave only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the LORD.

31 For this city hath been to me *as* ^ja provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; ^kthat I should remove it from before my face,

32 Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, ^lthey, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 And they have turned unto me the ^mback, and not the face: though I taught them, ⁿrising up

early and teaching *them*, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

34 But they ^oset their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.

35 And they built the high places of Baal, which *are* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to ^pcause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto ^qMolech; ^rwhich I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 ¶ And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, ^sIt shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

37 Behold, I will ^tgather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them ^uto dwell safely:

38 And they shall be ^vmy people, and I will be their God:

39 And I will ^wgive them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me ^xfor ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

40 And ^yI will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away ^zfrom them, to do them good; but ^{aa}I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

41 Yea, ^{bb}I will rejoice over them to do them good, and ^{cc}I will plant them in this land ^{dd}assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

42 For thus saith the LORD; ^{ee}Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

43 And ^{ff}fields shall be bought in this land, ^{gg}whereof ye say, *It is*

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 590.

^o ch. 7. 30, 31.
& 23. 11.
Ezek. 8. 5, 6.

^p ch. 7. 31.
& 19. 5.

^q Lev. 18. 21.
1 Kin. 11. 33.
^r ch. 7. 31.

^s ver. 24.

^t Deut. 30. 3.
ch. 23. 3.
& 29. 14.
& 31. 10.
Ezek. 37. 21.

^u ch. 23. 6.
& 33. 16.

^v ch. 24. 7.
& 30. 22.
& 31. 33.

^w ch. 24. 7.
Ezek. 11. 19,
20.
^x Heb. *all days*.

^y Isai. 55. 3.
ch. 31. 31.

^z Heb. *from after them*.
^{aa} ch. 31. 33.

^{bb} Deut. 30. 9.
Zeph. 3. 17.

^{cc} ch. 24. 6.
& 31. 28.
Amos 9. 15.
^{dd} Heb. *in truth, or, stability*.

^{ee} ch. 31. 28.

^{ff} ver. 15.
^{gg} ch. 33. 10.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 590.^a ch. 17. 26.^b ch. 33. 7, 11,
26.

cir. 590.

^a ch. 32. 2, 3.^b Isai. 37. 26.^a Or,
JEHOVAH.^c Ex. 15. 3.
Amos 5. 8.
& 9. 6.^d Ps. 91. 15.
ch. 29. 12.^a Or, *hidden*,
Isai. 48. 6.^a ch. 32. 24.^f ch. 32. 5.^a ch. 30. 17.^b ch. 30. 3.
& 32. 44.
ver. 11.ⁱ Isai. 1. 26.
ch. 24. 6.
& 30. 20.
& 31. 4, 28.
& 42. 10.

desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal *them*, and take witnesses in ^athe land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for ^bI will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

1 *God promiseth to the captivity a gracious return, 9 a joyful state, 12 a settled government, 15 Christ the Branch of righteousness, 17 a continuance of kingdom and priesthood, 20 and a stability of a blessed seed.*

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet ^ashut up in the court of the prison, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD the ^bmaker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; ^{2c}the LORD *is* his name;

3 ^dCall unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and ³mighty things, which thou knowest not.

4 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by ^ethe mounts, and by the sword;

5 ^fThey come to fight with the Chaldeans, but *it is* to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

6 Behold, ^gI will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 And ^hI will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, ¹as at the first.

8 And I will ^kcleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will ¹pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

9 [¶] ^mAnd it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall ⁿfear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

10 Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, ^owhich ye say *shall be* desolate without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

11 The ^pvoice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, ^qPraise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD *is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: *and* of them that shall bring ^rthe sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For ^sI will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^tAgain in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.

13 ^uIn the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks ^xpass again under the hands of him that telleth *them*, saith the LORD.

14 ^vBehold, the days come, saith the LORD, that ¹I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 590.^k Ezek. 36. 25.
Zech. 13. 1.
Hebr. 9. 13,
14.¹ ch. 31. 34.
Mic. 7. 18.^m Isai. 62. 7.
ch. 13. 11.ⁿ Isai. 60. 5.^o ch. 32. 43.^p ch. 7. 34. &
16. 9. & 25. 10.
Rev. 18. 23.^q 1 Chron. 16.
8, 34.
2 Chron. 5.
13. & 7. 3.
Ezra 3. 11.
Ps. 136. 1.
Isai. 12. 4.^r Lev. 7. 12.
Ps. 107. 22.
& 116. 17.
^a ver. 7.^t Isai. 65. 10.
ch. 31. 24.
& 50. 19.^u ch. 17. 26.
& 32. 44.^x Lev. 27. 32.^v ch. 23. 5.
& 31. 27, 31.
^z ch. 29. 10.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 590.^a Isai. 4. 2.
& 11. 1.
ch. 23. 5.^b ch. 23. 6.^c Heb. *Jehovah-isidkenu*.^d Heb. *There shall not be cut off from David.*^e 2 Sam. 7. 16.
1 Kin. 2. 4.
Pa. 89. 29, 36.
Luke 1. 32, 33.^f Rom. 12. 1.
& 15. 16.
1 Pet. 2. 5, 9.
Rev. 1. 6.^g Ps. 89. 37.
Isai. 54. 9.
ch. 31. 36.
ver. 25.^h Ps. 89. 34.ⁱ Gen. 13. 16.
& 15. 5. &
22. 17.
ch. 31. 37.^j ver. 21, 22.^k ver. 20.
Gen. 8. 22.^l Ps. 74. 16, 17.
& 104. 19.
ch. 31. 35, 36.
^m ch. 31. 37.

15 ¶ In those days, and at that time, will I cause the ^aBranch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 ^bIn those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this *is the name* where-with she shall be called, ^cThe LORD our righteousness.

17 ¶ For thus saith the LORD; ^dDavid shall never ^ewant a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to ^foffer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

19 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus saith the LORD; ^gIf ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

21 *Then* may also ^hmy covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

22 As ⁱthe host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, ^jThe two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

25 Thus saith the LORD; If ^kmy covenant *be* not with day and night, and if I have not ^lappointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

26 ^mThen will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take *any* of his seed

to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for ⁿI will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

¹ Jeremiah prophesieth the captivity of Zedekiah and the city. ⁸ The princes and the people having dismissed their bondservants, contrary to the covenant of God, reassume them. ¹² Jeremiah, for their disobedience, giveth them and Zedekiah into the hands of their enemies.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, ^awhen Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and ^ball the kingdoms of the earth ^cof his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, ^dI will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and ^ehe shall burn it with fire:

3 And ^fthou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and ^ghe shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.

4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword:

5 *But* thou shalt die in peace: and with ^hthe burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, ⁱso shall they burn *odours* for thee; and ^jthey will lament thee, *saying*, Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,

7 When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 590.^m ver. 7, 11.
Ezra 2. 1.

cir. 591.

^a 2 Kin. 25. 1,
&c. ch. 39. 1.
& 52. 4.^b ch. 1. 15.^c Heb. *the dominion of his hand.*^d ch. 21. 10.
& 32. 3, 28.^e ch. 32. 29.
ver. 22.^f ch. 32. 4.^g Heb. *his mouth shall speak to thy mouth.*^h See 2 Chron.
16. 14. &
21. 19.ⁱ Dan. 2. 46.^j See ch. 22. 18.

The destruction of Jerusalem, **JEREMIAH, XXXIV.** *and fate of Zedekiah, foretold.*

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 591.

¹ 2 Kin. 18. 13.
& 19. 8.
² Chron. 11.
5, 9.
cir. 591.

^k Ex. 21. 2.
Lev. 25. 10.
ver. 14.
^l Neh. 5. 11.

^m Lev. 25. 39,
—46.

cir. 590.
ⁿ See ver. 21.
ch. 37. 5.

^o Ex. 21. 2.
& 23. 10.
Deut. 15. 12.
^p Or, *hath sold himself.*

^q Heb. *to day.*

^r So 2 Kin. 23. 3.
Neh. 10. 29.
^s ch. 7. 10.

^t Heb. *where-upon my name is called.*

^u Ex. 20. 7.
Lev. 19. 12.

against Azekah: for ⁱthese defenced cities remained of the cities of Judah.

⁸ ¶ *This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim ^kliberty unto them;*

⁹ ^lThat every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, *being* an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; ^mthat none should serve himself of them, *to wit*, of a Jew his brother.

¹⁰ Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let *them* go.

¹¹ But ⁿafterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

¹² ¶ Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

¹³ Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying,

¹⁴ At the end of ^oseven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which ²hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.

¹⁵ And ye were ³now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had ^pmade a covenant before me ^qin the house ^twhich is called by my name:

¹⁶ But ye turned and ^rpolluted my name, and caused every man

his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

¹⁷ Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: ^sbehold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, ^tto the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you ²to be ^uremoved into all the kingdoms of the earth.

¹⁸ And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when ^xthey cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,

¹⁹ The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;

²⁰ I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their ^ydead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.

²¹ And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, ^zwhich are gone up from you.

²² ^aBehold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, ^band take it, and burn it with fire: and ^cI will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

CHAPTER XXXV.

¹ *By the obedience of the Rechabites, 12 Jeremiah condemneth the disobedience of the Jews. 18 God blesseth the Rechabites for their obedience.*

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 590.

^v Matt. 7. 2.
Gal. 6. 7.
Jam. 2. 13.
^w ch. 32. 24, 36.

^x Heb. *for a removing.*
^y Deut. 28. 25,
64. ch. 29. 18.

^z See Gen. 15.
10, 17.

¹ ch. 7. 33. &
16. 4. & 19. 7.

² See ch. 37.
5, 11.

³ ch. 37. 8, 10.

⁴ ch. 38. 3.
& 39. 1, 2, 8.
& 52. 7, 13.
⁵ ch. 9. 11.
& 44. 2, 6.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 607.^a 2 Kin. 10. 15.
1 Chron. 2. 55.^b 1 Kin. 6. 5.^c 2 Kin. 12. 9.
& 25. 18.
1 Chron. 9.
18, 19.^d Heb.
threshold, or,
vessel.^e 2 Kin. 10. 15.^f Ex. 20. 12.
Eph. 6. 2, 3.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2 Go unto the house of the ^aRechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of ^bthe chambers, and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;

4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaiah, a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, ^cthe keeper of the ^ddoor:

5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

6 But they said, We will drink no wine: for ^eJonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, *neither* ye, nor your sons for ever:

7 Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any*: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; ^fthat ye may live many days in the land where ye *be* strangers.

8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

9 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Je-

rusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.

12 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not ^freceive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD.

14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: ^gnotwithstanding I have spoken unto you, ^hrising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me.

15 ⁱI have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, ^kReturn ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

16 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me:

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: ^lbecause I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

18 ¶ And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and

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CHRIST
cir. 607.^f ch. 32. 33.^g 2 Chron. 36.
15.
^h ch. 7. 13.
& 25. 3.ⁱ ch. 7. 25.
& 25. 4.^k ch. 18. 11.
& 25. 5, 6.^l Prov. 1. 24.
Isai. 65. 12.
& 66. 4.
ch. 7. 13.

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cir. 607.

^a Heb. *There shall not a man be cut off from Jonadab the son of Rechab to stand, &c.*
^m ch. 15. 19.

done according unto all that he hath commanded you :

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel ; ^a Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to ^m stand before me for ever.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

¹ Jeremiah causeth Baruch to write his prophecy, ⁵ and publickly to read it. ¹¹ The princes, having intelligence thereof by Michaiah, send Jehudi to fetch the roll, and read it. ¹⁹ They will Baruch to hide himself and Jeremiah. ²⁰ The king Jehoiakim, being certified thereof, heareth part of it, and burneth the roll. ²⁷ Jeremiah denounceth his judgment. ³² Baruch writeth a new copy.

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

² Take thee a ^a roll of a book, and ^b write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against ^c all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of ^d Josiah, even unto this day.

³ ^e It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them ; that they may ^f return every man from his evil way ; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

⁴ Then Jeremiah ^g called Baruch the son of Neriah : and ^h Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

⁵ And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I *am* shut up ; I cannot go into the house of the LORD :

⁶ Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon ⁱ the fast-day : and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

⁷ ^k It may be ^l they will present

their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way : for great *is* the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people.

⁸ And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

⁹ And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem.

¹⁰ Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the ²¹ entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people.

¹¹ ¶ When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,

¹² Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber : and, lo, all the princes sat there, *even* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

¹³ Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

¹⁴ Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

¹⁵ And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our

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² Or, *door*.
¹ ch. 26. 10.

^a Isai. 8. 1.
^b Ezek. 2. 9.
^c Zech. 5. 1.
^d ch. 30. 2.

^e ch. 25. 15, &c.

^f ch. 25. 3.

^g ver. 7.
^h ch. 26. 3.

ⁱ ch. 18. 8.
Jonah 3. 5.

^j ch. 32. 12.

^k See ch. 45. 1.

^l Lev. 16. 29.
& 23. 27,—32.
Acts 27. 9.

^m ver. 3.

ⁿ Heb. *their supplication shall fall*.

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ears. So Baruch read *it* in their ears.

16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?

18 Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book.

19 Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be.

20 ¶ And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21 So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22 Now the king sat in ^m the winterhouse in the ninth month: and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor ⁿ rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

25 Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.

26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son ² of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to

take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

27 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.

29 And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast?

30 Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah; ^o He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be ^p cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

31 And I will ² punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.

32 ¶ Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many ³ like words.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

¹ The Egyptians having raised the siege of the Chaldeans, king Zedekiah sendeth to Jeremiah to pray for the people. 6 Jeremiah prophesieth the Chaldeans' certain return and victory. 11 He is taken for a fugitive, beaten, and put in prison. 16 He assureth Zedekiah of the captivity. 18 Intreating for his liberty, he obtaineth some favour.

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^o ch. 22. 30.

^p ch. 22. 19.

² Heb. visit upon, ch. 23. 34.

³ Heb. as they.

^m See Amos 3. 15.

ⁿ 2 Kin. 22. 11. Isai. 36. 22. & 37. 1.

² Or, of the king.

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^a 2 Kin. 24. 17.
2 Chron. 36. 10.
ch. 22. 24.

^b 2 Chron. 36.
12, 14.

^c Heb. *by the
hand of the
prophet.*

^d ch. 21. 1, 2.
& 29. 25. &
52. 24.
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^e See 2 Kings
24. 7.
Ezek. 17. 15.
^f ver. 11.
ch. 34. 21.

^g ch. 21. 2.

^h ch. 34. 22.

ⁱ Heb. *souls.*

^j ch. 21. 4, 5.

^k Heb. *thrust
through.*

^l ver. 5.

^m Heb. *made
to ascend.*

AND king ^a Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Co-niah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

2 ^b But neither he, nor his ser-vants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake ^c by the pro-phet Jeremiah.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and ^d Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.

4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison.

5 Then ^e Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: ^f and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they depart-ed from Jerusalem.

6 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, ^g that sent you unto me to enquire of me; Behold, Pha-raoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

8 ^h And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

9 Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not ⁱ yourselves, saying, The Chal-deans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.

10 ^j For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained *but* ^k wounded men among them, *yet* should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 ¶ ^l And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was ^m broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

12 Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land

of Benjamin, ⁿ to separate himself thence in the midst of the people.

13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward *was* there, whose name *was* Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans.

14 Then said Jeremiah, *It is* ^o false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

15 Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, ^p and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

16 ¶ When Jeremiah was enter-ed into ^q the dungeon, and into the ^r cabins, and Jeremiah had remain-ed there many days;

17 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there *any* word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, What have I offend-ed against thee, or against thy ser-vants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison?

19 Where *are* now your prophets which prophesied unto you, say-ing, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: ^s let my supplication, I pray thee, be ac-cepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

21 Then Zedekiah the king com-manded that they should commit Jeremiah ^t into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, ^u until all the

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^v Or, *to slip
away from
thence in the
midst of the
people.*

^w Heb. *false-
hood, or, a lie.*

^x ch. 38. 26.

^y ch. 38. 6.

^z Or, *cells.*
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^{aa} Heb. *let my
supplication
fall.*

^{ab} ch. 32. 2.
& 38. 13, 28.

^{ac} ch. 38. 9.
& 52. 6.

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bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

¹ *Jeremiah, by a false suggestion, is put into the dungeon of Malchiah. 7 Ebed-melech, by suit, getteth him some enlargement. 14 Upon secret conference he counselleth the king by yielding to save his life. 24 By the king's instructions he concealeth the conference from the princes.*

THEN Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and ^aJucal the son of Shelemiah, and ^bPashur the son of Malchiah, ^cheard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,

² Thus saith the LORD, ^dHe that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.

³ Thus saith the LORD, ^eThis city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.

⁴ Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, ^flet this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the ^gwelfare of this people, but the hurt.

⁵ Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand: for the king *is* not *he that* can do *any* thing against you.

⁶ ^hThen took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son ⁱof Hammelech, that *was* in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

⁷ ¶ ^jNow when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs

which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;

⁸ Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying,

⁹ My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and ^khe is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for *there is* no more bread in the city.

¹⁰ Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men ^lwith thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.

¹¹ So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

¹² And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now *these* old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.

¹³ ^mSo they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained ⁿin the court of the prison.

¹⁴ ¶ Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the ^othird entry that *is* in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me.

¹⁵ Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me?

¹⁶ So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, ^pthat made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the

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589.^k Heb. *he will die.*^l Heb. *in thine hand.*^m ver. 6.ⁿ ch. 37. 21.^o Or, *principal.*^p Isai. 57. 16.^a ch. 37. 3.^b ch. 21. 1.^c ch. 21. 8.^d ch. 21. 9.^e ch. 21. 10.
& 32. 3.^f See ch. 26. 11.^g Heb. *peace.*^h ch. 37. 21.ⁱ Or, *of the king.*^j ch. 39. 16.

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hand of these men that seek thy life.

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly ^mgo forth ⁿunto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house:

18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and ^othou shalt not escape out of their hand.

19 And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they ^pmock me.

20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *thee*. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.

21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this *is* the word that the LORD hath shewed me:

22 And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house *shall be* brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those *women* shall say, ²Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, *and* they are turned away back.

23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and ^athy children to the Chaldeans: and ^rthou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and ³thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

24 ¶ Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die.

25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou

hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee:

26 Then thou shalt say unto them, ^aI presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return ^tto Jonathan's house, to die there.

27 Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So ²they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.

28 So ^uJeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

1 *Jerusalem is taken.* 4 *Zedekiah is made blind, and sent to Babylon.* 8 *The city ruined,* 9 *the people captivated.* 11 *Nebuchadrezzar's charge for the good usage of Jeremiah.* 15 *God's promise to Ebed-melech.*

IN the ^aninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 *And* in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth *day* of the month, the city was broken up.

3 ^bAnd all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, *even* Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 ¶ ^cAnd it came to pass, *that* when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

5 But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and ^dovertook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho:

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589.^a ch. 37. 20.^t ch. 37. 15.² Heb. *they were silent from him.*^u ch. 37. 21. & 39. 14.

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^a 2 Kin. 25. 1,—4. ch. 52. 4,—7.

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^b ch. 38. 17.^c 2 Kin. 25. 4, &c. ch. 52. 7, &c.^d ch. 32. 4. & 38. 18, 23.^m 2 Kin. 24. 12.ⁿ ch. 39. 3.^o ch. 32. 4. & 34. 3. ver. 23.^p 1 Sam. 31. 4.² Heb. *Men of thy peace.*^a ch. 39. 6. & 41. 10. ^r ver. 18.³ Heb. *thou shalt burn, &c.*

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588.^o 2 Kin. 23. 33.^g Heb. *spoke with him judgments*, ch. 4. 12.^f Ezek. 12. 13, compared with ch. 32. 4.^g Heb. *with two brassen chains, or, fetters*.^g 2 Kin. 25. 9. ch. 38. 18. & 52. 13.^h 2 Kin. 25. 11, &c. ch. 52. 15, &c.⁴ Or, *chief marshal*.^g Heb. *chief of the executioners, or, slaughtermen*: and so ver. 10, 11, &c. See Gen. 37. 36.^g Heb. *in that day*.⁷ Heb. *by the hand of*.^g Heb. *set thine eyes upon him*.¹ ch. 38. 28.^k ch. 40. 5.¹ ch. 26. 24.^m ch. 38. 7, 12.

and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to ^oRiblah in the land of Hamath, where he ²gave judgment upon him.

6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover ^fhe put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him ³with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

8 ¶ And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 ^hThen Nebuzar-adan the ⁴⁵captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

10 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields ⁶at the same time.

11 ¶ Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah ⁷to Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, saying,

12 Take him, and ⁸look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee.

13 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rab-saris, and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;

14 Even they sent, ¹and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him ^kunto Gedaliah the son of ¹Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

15 ¶ Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

16 Go and speak to ^mEbed-melech

the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, ⁿI will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be *accomplished* in that day before thee.

17 But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the LORD: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou *art* afraid.

18 For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but ^othy life shall be for a prey unto thee: ^pbecause thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER XL.

¹ Jeremiah, being set free by Nebuzar-adan, goeth to Gedaliah. ⁷ The dispersed Jews repair unto him. ¹³ Johanan revealing Ishmael's conspiracy is not believed.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, ^aafter that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in ²chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and ^bsaid unto him, The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place.

3 Now the LORD hath brought *it*, and done according as he hath said: ^cbecause ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which ³were upon thine hand. ^dIf it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and ⁴I will look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, ^eall the land *is* before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go.

5 Now while he was not yet gone back, *he said*, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son

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CHRIST
588.ⁿ Dan. 9. 12.^o ch. 21. 9. & 45. 5.^p 1 Chron. 5. 20. Ps. 37. 40.

588.

^a ch. 39. 14.² Or, *manacles*.^b ch. 50. 7.^c Deut. 29. 24, 25. Dan. 9. 11.³ Or, *are upon thine hand*.^d ch. 39. 12.^e Heb. *I will set mine eye upon thee*.^o Gen. 20. 15.

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.^r 2 Kin. 25. 22,
&c.^s ch. 39. 14.^h Judg. 20. 1.ⁱ 2 Kin. 25. 23,
&c.^k ch. 39. 10.^l ch. 41. 1.^q Heb. to stand
before; and
so ver. 10.
Deut. 1. 38.

of Shaphan, 'whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go where-soever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go.

⁶ ^s Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to ^h Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

⁷ ¶ ⁱ Now when all the captains of the forces which *were* in the fields, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of ^k the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

⁸ Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, ^l even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

⁹ And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not ² to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

¹⁰ As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chaldeans, which will come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.

¹¹ Likewise when all the Jews that *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that *were* in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan;

¹² Even all the Jews returned

out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

¹⁸ ¶ Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

¹⁴ And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that ^m Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah ² to slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not.

¹⁵ Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know *it*: wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?

¹⁶ But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

CHAPTER XLI.

¹ *Ishmael, treacherously killing Gedaliah and others, purposeth with the residue to flee unto the Ammonites. 11 Johanan recovereth the captives, and mindeth to flee into Egypt.*

NOW it came to pass in the seventh month, ^a *that* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah.

² Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and ^b smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

³ Ishmael also slew all the Jews

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.^m See ch. 41. 10.^q Heb. to strike
thee in soul?^a 2 Kin. 25. 25.
ch. 40. 6, 8.^b 2 Kin. 25. 25.

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that were with him, *even* with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, *and* the men of war.

4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew *it*,

5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* fourscore men, ^a having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to ^d the house of the LORD.

6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, ² weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.

7 And it was *so*, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that *were* with him.

8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren.

9 Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain ³⁴ because of Gedaliah, *was* it ^a which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *them* that *were* slain.

10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that *were* in Mizpah, ^f *even* the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, ^g whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to ^h the Ammonites.

^a Lev. 19. 27, 28.
Deut. 14. 1.
Isai. 15. 2.

^d See 1 Sam. 1. 7.
2 Kin. 25. 9.

^g Heb. *in going and weeping.*

³ Or, *near Gedaliah.*

⁴ Heb. *by the hand, or, by the side of Gedaliah.*

⁵ 1 Kin. 15. 22.
2 Chron. 16. 6.

^f ch. 43. 6.

^g ch. 40. 7.

^h ch. 40. 14.

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¹ ch. 40. 7, 8, 13.

² 2 Sam. 2. 13.

11 ¶ But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all ⁱ the captains of the forces that *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by ^k the great waters that *are* in Gibeon.

13 Now it came to pass, *that* when all the people which *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, then they were glad.

14 So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after *that* he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *even* mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon:

17 And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of ^l Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to go to enter into Egypt,

18 Because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, ^m whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

¹ 2 Sam. 19. 37, 38.

^m ch. 40. 5.

CHAPTER XLII.

1 Johanan desireth Jeremiah to enquire of God, promising obedience to his will. 7 Jeremiah assureth him of safety in Judea, 13 and destruction in Egypt. 19 He reproveth their hypocrisy, in requiring of the Lord that which they meant not.

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.^a ch. 40. 8, 13.
& 41. 11.^a Or, *Let our
supplication
fall before
thee.*^b 1 Sam. 7. 8.
& 12. 19.
Isai. 37. 4.^c Jam. 5. 16.
Lev. 26. 22.^d Ezra 8. 21.^e 1 Kin. 22. 14.^f 1 Sam. 3. 18.
Acts 20. 20.^g Gen. 31. 50.^h Deut. 6. 3.
ch. 7. 23.ⁱ ch. 24. 6. &
31. 28. & 33. 7.

THEN all the captains of the forces, ^aand Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

² And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, ²Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and ^bpray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant; (for we are left *but* ^ca few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)

³ That the LORD thy God may shew us ^dthe way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

⁴ Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard *you*; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, *that* ^ewhatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you; I will ^fkeep nothing back from you.

⁵ Then they said to Jeremiah, ^gThe LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.

⁶ Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; ^hthat it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

⁷ ¶ And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.

⁸ Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

⁹ And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him;

¹⁰ If ye will still abide in this land, then ⁱwill I build you, and not pull *you* down, and I will plant

you, and not pluck *you* up: for I ^krepent me of the evil that I have done unto you.

¹¹ Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: ^lfor I *am* with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

¹² And ^mI will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

¹³ ¶ But if ⁿye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God,

¹⁴ Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:

¹⁵ And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye ^owholly set ^pyour faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there;

¹⁶ Then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword, ^qwhich ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, ²shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die.

¹⁷ ³So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die ^rby the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and ^snone of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

¹⁸ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been ^tpoured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ^uye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.^k Deut. 32. 36.
ch. 18. 8.^l Isai. 43. 5.
Rom. 8. 31.^m Ps. 106. 45,
46.ⁿ ch. 44. 16.^o Deut. 17. 16.
ch. 44. 12,
13, 14.^p Luke 9. 51.^q Ezek. 11. 8.² Heb. *shall
cleave after
you.*³ Heb. *So shall
all the men be.*^r ch. 24. 10.
ver. 22.^s See ch. 44.
14, 28.^t ch. 7. 20.^u ch. 18. 16. &
24. 9. & 26. 6.
& 29. 18, 22.
& 44. 12.
Zech. 8. 13.

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CHRIST
cir. 588.

^a Deut. 17. 16.

^b Heb. testified against you.

^c Or, ye have used deceit against your souls.

^d ver. 2.

^e ver. 17.
Ezek. 6. 11.

^f Or, to go to sojourn.

^g ch. 42. 1.

reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

19 ¶ The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; ^aGo ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have ^aadmonished you this day.

20 For ^bye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, ^cPray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.

21 And now I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me unto you.

22 Now therefore know certainly that ^dye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire ^eto go and to sojourn.

CHAPTER XLIII.

1 *Johanan, discrediting Jeremiah's prophecy, carrieth Jeremiah and others into Egypt. ¶ Jeremiah prophesieth by a type the conquest of Egypt by the Babylonians.*

AND it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, even all these words,

2 ^aThen spake Azariah the son of Hoshai, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

3 But Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took ^ball the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;

6 Even men, and women, and children, ^cand the king's daughters, ^dand every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.

7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: thus came they even to ^eTahpanhes.

8 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which ^fis at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

10 And say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, ^gmy servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

11 ^hAnd when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, and deliver ⁱsuch as are for death to death; and such as are for captivity to captivity; and such as are for the sword to the sword.

12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of ^jthe gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.

13 He shall break also the ^kimages of ^lBeth-shemesh, that ^mis in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

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cir. 588.

ⁿ ch. 40. 11, 12.

^o ch. 41. 10.

^p ch. 39. 10.
& 40. 7.

^q ch. 2. 16. &
44. 1. called
Hanes,
Isai. 30. 4.
588.
ending.

^r ch. 25. 9.
& 27. 6.
See Ezek. 29.
18, 20.

^s ch. 44. 13.
& 46. 13.

^t ch. 15. 2.
Zech. 11. 9.

^u ch. 46. 25.

^v Heb. statues,
or, standing
images.
^w Or, The house
of the sun.

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CHRIST
587.

CHAPTER XLIV.

¹ Jeremiah expresseth the desolation of Judah for their idolatry. ¹¹ He prophesieth their destruction, who commit idolatry in Egypt. ¹⁵ The obstinacy of the Jews. ²⁰ Jeremiah threateneth them for the same, ²⁹ and for a sign prophesieth the destruction of Egypt.

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at ^aMigdol, and at ^bTahpanhes, and at ^cNoph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

² Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are ^da desolation, and no man dwelleth therein,

³ Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went ^eto burn incense, and to ^fserve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, ye, nor your fathers.

⁴ Howbeit ^gI sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.

⁵ But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.

⁶ Wherefore ^hmy fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.

⁷ Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil ⁱagainst your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, ²out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;

⁸ In that ye ^kprovoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye

might be ¹a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

⁹ Have ye forgotten the ²wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

¹⁰ They are not ³humbled even unto this day, neither have they ^mfeared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

¹¹ ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, ⁿI will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

¹² And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and ^othey shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of Egypt; they shall even be consumed by the sword and by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and ^pthey shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

¹³ ¶ For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:

¹⁴ So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they ⁴have a desire to return to dwell there: for ^rnone shall return but such as shall escape.

¹⁵ ¶ Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in

BEFORE
CHRIST
587.¹ ch. 42. 18.
ver. 12.² Heb. wickednesses, or, punishments, &c.³ Heb. contrite, Ps. 51. 17.^m Prov. 28. 14.ⁿ Lev. 17. 10. & 20. 5, 6. ch. 21. 10. Amos 9. 4.^o ch. 42. 15, 16, 17, 22.^p ch. 42. 18.^q ch. 43. 11.⁴ Heb. lift up their soul.^r ver. 28.^a Ex. 14. 2. ch. 46. 14.
^b ch. 43. 7.
^c Isai. 19. 13.^d ch. 9. 11. & 34. 22.^e ch. 19. 4.
^f Deut. 13. 6. & 32. 17.^g 2 Chron. 36. 15. ch. 7. 25. & 25. 4. & 26. 5. & 29. 19.^h ch. 42. 18.ⁱ Num. 16. 38. ch. 7. 19.^j Heb. out of the midst of Judah.^k ch. 25. 6, 7.

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CHRIST
587.^a So ch. 6. 16.^c Num. 30. 12.
Deut. 23. 23.
Judg. 11. 36.
See ver. 25.^a Or, frame of
heaven.
^u ch. 7. 18.^a Heb. bread.^x ch. 7. 18.^a Or, husbands?^y ch. 25. 11,
18, 38.^a ver. 6.

Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 *As for* the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, *we will not hearken unto thee.*

17 But we will certainly do *whatsoever* thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the ^{2u}queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for *then* had we plenty of ³victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all *things*, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

19 *And* when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our ⁴men?

20 ¶ Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him *that* answer, saying,

21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and came it *not* into his mind?

22 So that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, *and* because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land ^ya desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, *as at this day.*

28 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor

walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; *therefore* this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah ^bthat *are* in the land of Egypt:

25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; *Ye* and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, ^dI have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that *my* name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord God liveth.

27 *Behold*, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt ^eshall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

28 Yet ^ha small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose ⁱwords shall stand, ²mine, or their's.

29 ¶ And this *shall be* a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall ^ksurely stand against you for evil:

30 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, ^lI will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave ^mZedekiah king of Judah into the hand

BEFORE
CHRIST
587.^a Dan. 9. 11, 12.^b ch. 43. 7.
ver. 15.^c ver. 15, &c.^d Gen. 22. 16.^e Ezek. 20. 39.^f ch. 1. 10.
& 31. 28.
Ezek. 7. 6.^g ver. 12.^h ver. 14.
Isai. 27. 13.ⁱ ver. 17, 25, 26.^j Heb. from
me, or them.
589.^k Ps. 33. 11.^l ch. 46. 25, 26.
Ezek. 29. 3, &c.
& 30. 21, &c.^m ch. 39. 5.

BEFORE
CHRIST
589.cir. 607.
* ch. 36. 1, 4, 32.

b Isai. 5. 5.

c ch. 25. 26.

d ch. 21. 9. &
38. 2. & 39. 18.

cir. 607.

* ch. 25. 15, &c.

b 2 Kin. 23. 29.
2 Chron. 35. 20.
Fulfilled pre-
sently.c So ch. 51. 11,
12. Nah. 2. 1.
& 3. 14.

of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

CHAPTER XLV.

1 *Baruch being dismayed, 4 Jeremiah instructeth and comforteth him.*

THE word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch;

3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

4 ¶ Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus; Behold, ^bthat which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek *them* not: for, behold, ^cI will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee ^dfor a prey in all places whither thou goest.

CHAPTER XLVI.

1 *Jeremiah prophesieth the overthrow of Pharaoh's army at Euphrates, 13 and the conquest of Egypt by Nebuchadrezzar. 27 He comforteth Jacob in their chastisement.*

THE word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against ^athe Gentiles;

2 Against Egypt, ^bagainst the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

3 ^cOrder ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets; furbish the spears, *and* put on the brigandines.

5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed *and* turned away back? and their mighty ones are ^abeaten down, and are ^bfled apace, and look not back: *for* ^dfear was round about, saith the LORD.

6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall ^estumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

7 Who *is* this *that* cometh up ^fas a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

8 Egypt riseth up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; ^gthe Ethiopians and ^hthe Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians, ⁱthat handle *and* bend the bow.

10 For this *is* ^jthe day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and ^kthe sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord God of hosts ^lhath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

11 ^mGo up into Gilead, and take balm, ⁿO virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; *for* ^othou shalt not be cured.

12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, *and* they are fallen both together.

13 ¶ The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come *and* ^psmite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, ^qStand fast, and prepare thee; for ^rthe sword shall devour round about thee.

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cir. 607.a Heb. broken
in pieces.b Heb. fled a
flight.c ch. 6. 25.
& 49. 29.

d Dan. 11. 19.

e See Isai. 8.
7, 8. ch. 47. 2.
Dan. 11. 22.

f Heb. Cush.

g Heb. Put.

h Isai. 66. 19.

i Isai. 13. 6.
Joel 1. 15.
& 2. 1.j Deut. 32. 42.
Isai. 34. 6.k Isai. 34. 6.
Zeph. 1. 7.
See Ezek.
39. 17.l ch. 8. 22.
& 51. 8.
m Isai. 47. 1.n Heb. no cure
shall be unto
thee.

o Ezek. 30. 21.

p Isai. 19. 1.
ch. 43. 10, 11.
Ezek. 29, &
30, & 32.q Fulfilled
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r ver. 3, 4.

s ver. 10.

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^a Heb. multiplied the faller.
^r Lev. 26. 37.

^a Isai. 47. 4. & 48. 2.
ch. 48. 15.

^t See ch. 48. 18.

^b Heb. make thee instruments of captivity.

^u Isai. 20. 4.
^x So Hosca 10. 11.

^y ch. 1. 14. & 47. 2.
ver. 6, 10.

⁴ Heb. bullocks of the stall.

^z Ps. 37. 13.
ch. 50. 27.

^a See Isai. 29. 4.

^b Isai. 10. 34.

^o Judg. 6. 5.

^d ch. 1. 15.

^e Or, nourisher.
^f Heb. Amon.
Ezek. 30. 14, 15, 16.

^h Nah. 3. 8.
ⁱ ch. 43. 12, 13.
^j Ezek. 30. 13.
^k ch. 44. 30.
^l ch. 32. 11.

15 Why are thy valiant *men* swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did drive them.

16 He ²made many to fall, yea, ^rone fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt *is but* a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.

18 *As* I live, saith the King, ^awhose name *is* the LORD of hosts, Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, *so* shall he come.

19 O ^tthou daughter dwelling in Egypt, ³furnish thyself ^uto go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

20 Egypt *is like* a very fair ^xheifer, *but* destruction cometh; it cometh ^yout of the north.

21 Also her hired men *are* in the midst of her like ⁴fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, *and* are fled away together: they did not stand, because ^zthe day of their calamity was come upon them, *and* the time of their visitation.

22 ^aThe voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.

23 They shall ^bcut down her forest, saith the LORD, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than ^othe grasshoppers, and *are* innumerable.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of ^dthe people of the north.

25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will punish the ⁵multitude of ^eNo, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, ^fwith their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and *all* them that trust in him:

26 ^gAnd I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and

into the hand of his servants: and ^hafterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD.

27 ⁱBut fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make *him* afraid.

28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I *am* with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make ^ka full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I ²not leave thee wholly unpunished.

CHAPTER XLVII.

The destruction of the Philistines.

THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet ^aagainst the Philistines, ^bbefore that Pharaoh smote ³Gaza.

2 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, ^cwaters rise up ^dout of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and ⁴all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

3 At the ^enoise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong *horses*, at the rushing of his chariots, *and* at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to *their* children for feebleness of hands;

4 Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, *and* to cut off from ^fTyrus and Zidon every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil the Philistines, ^gthe remnant of ⁵the country of ^hCaphtor.

5 ⁱBaldness is come upon Gaza; ^kAshkelon is cut off *with* the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou ¹cut thyself?

6 O thou ^msword of the LORD, how long *will it be* ere thou be

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^b Ezek. 29. 11, 13, 14.

¹ Isai. 41. 13, 14. & 43. 5. & 44. 2.
ch. 30. 10, 11.

² ch. 10. 24. & 30. 11.

³ Or, not utterly cut thee off.

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^a ch. 25. 20.
Ezek. 25. 15, 16.

Zeph. 2. 4, 5.
^b Amos 1. 6, 7, 8.

³ Heb. *Azzah*.

^c Isai. 8. 7.
ch. 46. 7, 8.

^d ch. 1. 14. & 46. 20.

⁴ Heb. *the fulness thereof*.

^e ch. 8. 16.
Nah. 3. 2.

^f ch. 25. 22.

^g Ezek. 25. 16.
Amos 1. 8. & 9. 7.

^h Heb. *the isle*.

ⁱ Gen. 10. 14.

^j Amos 1. 7.
Mic. 1. 16.

Zeph. 2. 4, 7.
Zech. 9. 5.

^k ch. 25. 20.

¹ ch. 16. 6. & 41. 5. & 48. 37.

^m Dent. 32. 41.
Ezek. 21. 3, 4, 5.

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^a Heb. *gather thyself.*
^b Heb. *How canst thou.*
^c Ezek. 14. 17.
^d Mic. 6. 9.

quiet? ² put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.

7 ³ How can it be quiet, seeing the LORD hath ^a given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there hath he ^a appointed it.

CHAPTER XLVIII.

1 *The judgment of Moab, 7 for their pride, 11 for their security, 14 for their carnal confidence, 26 and for their contempt of God and his people. 47 The restoration of Moab.*

A GAINST ^a Moab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Woe unto ^b Nebo! for it is spoiled: ^c Kiriathaim is confounded and taken: ^d Misgab is confounded and dismayed.

2 ^a *There shall be* no more praise of Moab: in ^a Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from *being* a nation. Also thou shalt ^b be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall ^a pursue thee.

3 ^a A voice of crying *shall be* from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction.

4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

5 ^a For in the going up of Luhith ^b continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

6 ^b Flee, save your lives, and be like ^a the ^b heath in the wilderness.

7 ^a For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken: and ^b Chemosh shall go forth into captivity *with* his ^c priests and his princes together.

8 And ^a the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.

9 ^a Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.

10 ^a Cursed *be* he that doeth the

work of the LORD ^a deceitfully, and cursed *be* he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

11 ^a Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he ^b hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste ^c remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles.

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of ^a Chemosh, as the house of Israel ^a was ashamed of ^a Beth-el their confidence.

14 ^a How say ye, ^a We are mighty and strong men for the war?

15 ^a Moab is spoiled, and gone up *out of* her cities, and ^a his chosen young men are ^a gone down to the slaughter, saith ^b the King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

16 The calamity of Moab *is* near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

17 All ye that are about him, be-moan him; and all ye that know his name, say, ^a How is the strong staff broken, *and* the beautiful rod!

18 ^a Thou daughter that dost inhabit ^b Dibon, come down from *thy* glory, and sit in thirst; for ^c the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, *and* he shall destroy thy strong holds.

19 O ^b inhabitant of ^a Aroer, ^a stand by the way, and espy; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, *and* say, What is done?

20 Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: ^a howl and cry; tell ye it in ^a Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,

21 And judgment is come upon ^b the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,

22 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim,

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^a Or, *negligently.*
^b Zeph. 1. 12.

^a Heb. *stood.*

^a Judg. 11. 24.
^b 1 Kin. 11. 7.
^c Hos. 10. 6.
^d 1 Kin. 12. 29.
^e Isai. 16. 6.

^a ver. 8, 9, 18.

^a Heb. *the choice of.*
^b ch. 50. 27.
^c ch. 46. 18.
^d & 51. 57.

^a See Isai. 9. 4.
& 14. 4, 5.

^a Isai. 47. 1.
ch. 46. 19.
^b Num. 21. 30.
Isai. 15. 2.
^c ver. 8.

^a Heb. *inhabitant.*
^b Deut. 2. 36.
^c 1 Sam. 4. 13, 16.

^a Isai. 16. 7.
^b See Numb. 21. 13.

^a ver. 8.

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^a Isai. 15. & 16.
ch. 25. 21.
& 27. 3.
Ezek. 25. 9.
Amos 2. 1, 2.
^b Num. 32. 38.
& 33. 47.
Isai. 15. 2.
^c Num. 32. 37.
^d Or, *The high place.*
^e Isai. 16. 14.
^f Isai. 15. 4.

^a Or, *be brought to silence,*
Isai. 15. 1.
^b Heb. *go after thee.*
^c ver. 5.

^a Isai. 15. 5.
^b Heb. *weeping with weeping.*

^a ch. 51. 6.
^b Or, *a naked tree.*
^c ch. 17. 6.

^a Num. 21. 29.
Judg. 11. 24.
See Isai. 46. 1, 2.
ch. 43. 12.
^b ch. 49. 3.
^c ch. 6. 26.
ver. 18.

^a Ps. 55. 6.
ver. 28.
^b See Judg. 5. 23.
1 Sam. 15. 3, 9.
1 Kin. 20. 42.

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¹ ver. 41. Amos 2. 2.	23 And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon, 24 And upon ¹ Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.	waters also of Nimrim shall be ² desolate.	² Heb. <i>desolations.</i> ² Isai. 15. 2. & 16. 12.
^k Ps. 75. 10.	25 ^k The horn of Moab is cut off, and his ¹ arm is broken, saith the LORD.	35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, ^a him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.	^b Isai. 15. 5. & 16. 11.
¹ See Ezek. 30. 21.	26 ¶ ^m Make ye him drunken: for he magnified <i>himself</i> against the LORD: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.	36 Therefore ^b mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: because ^c the riches <i>that</i> he hath gotten are perished.	^c Isai. 15. 7.
cir. 600. ^m ch. 25. 15, 27.	27 For ⁿ was not Israel a derision unto thee? ^o was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou ² skippedst for joy.	37 For ^d every head <i>shall be</i> bald, and every beard ³ clipped: upon all the hands <i>shall be</i> cuttings, and ^e upon the loins sackcloth.	^d Isai. 15. 2, 3. ch. 47. 5. ^e Heb. <i>diminished.</i>
^u Zeph. 2. 8. ^o See ch. 2. 26.	28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and ^p dwell in the rock, and be like ^q the dove <i>that</i> maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.	38 <i>There shall be</i> lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like ^f a vessel wherein <i>is</i> no pleasure, saith the LORD.	^o Gen. 37. 34.
^a Or, <i>movedst thyself.</i>	29 We have heard the ^r pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.	39 They shall howl, <i>saying</i> , How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned the ⁴ back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him.	^f ch. 22. 28.
^p Ps. 55. 6, 7. ver. 9.	30 I know his wrath, saith the LORD; but <i>it shall not be</i> so; ³ his lies shall not so effect <i>it</i> .	40 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, ^g he shall fly as an eagle, and shall ^h spread his wings over Moab.	⁴ Heb. <i>neck.</i>
^q Cant. 2. 14.	31 Therefore ^t will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; <i>mine heart</i> shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.	41 ⁱ ⁵ Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and ^k the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.	^g Deut. 28. 49. ch. 49. 22. Dan. 7. 4. Hos. 8. 1. Hab. 1. 8. ^h Isai. 8. 8. ⁱ ver. 24.
^r Isai. 16. 6, &c.	32 ^u O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach <i>even</i> to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.	42 And Moab shall be destroyed ¹ from <i>being</i> a people, because he hath magnified <i>himself</i> against the LORD.	^j Or, <i>The cities.</i> ^k Isai. 13. 8. & 21. 3. ch. 30. 6. & 49. 22, 24. & 50. 43. & 51. 30. Mic. 4. 9.
^u Isai. 16. 6. ch. 50. 36.	33 And ^x joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the wine-presses: none shall tread with shouting; <i>their</i> shouting <i>shall be</i> no shouting.	43 ^m Fear, and the pit, and the snare, <i>shall be</i> upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD.	^l Ps. 83. 4. Isai. 7. 8. ^m Isai. 24. 17, 18.
^a Or, <i>those on whom he stayeth</i> (Heb. <i>his bars</i>) <i>do not right.</i>	34 ^v From the cry of Heshbon <i>even</i> unto Elealeh, <i>and even</i> unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, ^z from Zoar <i>even</i> unto Horonaim, <i>as</i> an heifer of three years old: for the	44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for ⁿ I will bring upon it, <i>even</i> upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.	ⁿ See ch. 11. 23.
^t Isai. 15. 5. & 16. 7, 11.		45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but ^a a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from	^o Num. 21. 28.
^u Isai. 16. 8, 9.			
^x Isai. 16. 10. Joel 1. 12.			
^y Isai. 15. 4, 5, 6.			
^z Isai. 15. 5, 6. ver. 5.			

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^d Or, *Against.*^e Ezek. 21. 28. & 25. 2.

Amos 1. 13. Zeph. 2. 8, 9.

^f Or, *Melcom.*^g Amos 1. 13.^h Ezek. 25. 5. Amos 1. 14.ⁱ Isai. 32. 11. ch. 4. 8. & 6. 26.^j Or, *Melcom,* 1 Kin. 11. 5, 33.^k ch. 48. 7. Amos 1. 15.^l Or, *thy valley flourish away.*^m ch. 3. 14. & 7. 24.ⁿ ch. 21. 13.^o So ver. 39. & ch. 48. 47.

the midst of Sihon, and ^p shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the ^q tumultuous ones.

46 ^r Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken ^s captives, and thy daughters captives.

47 ^t Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab ^u in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far *is* the judgment of Moab.

CHAPTER XLIX.

1 *The judgment of the Ammonites.* 6 *Their restoration.* 7 *The judgment of Edom,* 23 *of Damascus,* 28 *of Kedar,* 30 *of Hazor,* 34 *and of Elam.* 39 *The restoration of Elam.*

CONCERNING ^a the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why *then* doth ^b their king inherit ^c Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in ^c Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, ^d gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for ^e their king shall go into captivity, *and* his ^f priests and his princes together.

4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, ^g thy flowing valley, O ^h backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, ⁱ saying, Who shall come unto me?

5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord God of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth.

6 And ^j afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

7 ^k Concerning Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^l *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? ^m *is* counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

8 ⁿ Flee ye, ^o turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of ^p Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time *that* I will visit him.

9 If ^q grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave *some* glean- ing grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy ^r till they have enough.

10 ^s But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and ^t he *is* not.

11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

12 For thus saith the LORD; Be- hold, ^u they whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have as- suredly drunken; and *art* thou he *that* shall altogether go unpunish- ed? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink *of it*.

13 For ^v I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that ^w Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

14 I have heard a ^x rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, *saying*, Ga- ther ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, *and* despised among men.

16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, *and* the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: ^y though thou should- est make thy ^z nest as high as the eagle, ^a I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

17 Also Edom shall be a desola-

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cir. 600.^b Ezek. 25. 12. Amos 1. 11.^c Obad. 8.^d See Isai. 19. 11.^e ver. 30.^f Or, *they are turned back.*^g ch. 25. 23.^h Obad. 5.ⁱ Heb. *their sufficiency.*^j Mal. 1. 3.^k Isai. 17. 14.^l ch. 25. 29. Obad. 16.^m Gen. 22. 16. Isai. 45. 23.

Amos 6. 8.

ⁿ Isai. 34. 6. & 63. 1.^o Obad. 1, 2, 3.^p Obad. 4.^q Job 39. 27.^r Amos 9. 2.

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^a ch. 18. 16.
& 50. 13.
^b Gen. 19. 25.
Dout. 29. 23.
ch. 50. 40.
Amos 4. 11.

^c ch. 50. 44, &c.
^d ch. 12. 5.

^e Ex. 15. 11.
^f Or, *convent
me in judg-
ment.*
^g Job 41. 10.
^h ch. 50. 45.

ⁱ ch. 50. 46.

^j Heb.
Weedy sea.
^k ch. 4. 13. &
48. 40, 41.
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^l Isai. 17. 1.
& 37. 13.
Amos 1. 3.
Zech. 9. 1, 2.

^m Heb. *melled.*
ⁿ Isai. 57. 20.
^o Or, *as on
the sea.*

^p Isai. 13. 8.
ch. 4. 31. &
6. 24. & 30. 6.
& 48. 41.
ver. 22.

^q ch. 33. 9.
& 51. 41.

^r ch. 50. 30.
& 51. 4.

^s Amos 1. 4.

tion: ^aevery one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

18 ^bAs in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

19 ^cBehold, he shall come up like a lion from ^dthe swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who *is* a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for ^ewho *is* like me? and who will ^fappoint me the time? and ^gwho *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

20 ^hTherefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 ⁱThe earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the ^jRed sea.

22 Behold, ^khe shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 ¶ ^lConcerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are ^mfainthearted; ⁿthere *is* sorrow ^oon the sea; it cannot be quiet.

24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on *her*: ^panguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.

25 How is ^qthe city of praise not left, the city of my joy!

26 ^rTherefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.

27 And I will kindle a ^sfire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-hadad.

28 ¶ ^tConcerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil ^uthe men of the east.

29 Their ^vtents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, ^wFear *is* on every side.

30 ¶ ^xFlee, ^yget you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

31 Arise, get you up unto ^zthe ^{aa}wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD, which have neither gates nor bars, *which* ^{ab}dwell alone.

32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will ^{ac}scatter into all winds ^{ad}them *that are* ^{ae}in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

33 And Hazor ^{af}shall be a dwelling for dragons, and a desolation for ever: ^{ag}there shall no man abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

34 ¶ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against ^{ah}Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

35 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will break ^{ai}the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and ^{aj}will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them,

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CHRIST
cir. 600.

¹ Isai. 21. 13.

² Judg. 6. 3.
Job 1. 3.
³ Ps. 120. 5.

⁴ ch. 6. 25.
& 46. 5.
⁵ ver. 8.
⁶ Heb. *flit
greatly.*

⁷ Ezek. 38. 11.
⁸ Or, *that is
at ease.*

⁹ Num. 23. 9.
Deut. 33. 28.
Mic. 7. 14.

¹⁰ Ezek. 5. 10.
ver. 36.
¹¹ ch. 9. 26.
& 25. 23.
¹² Heb. *cut off
into corners,
or, that have
the corners
of their hair
polled.*
¹³ ch. 9. 11.
& 10. 22.
Mal. 1. 3.
¹⁴ ver. 18.

¹⁵ ch. 25. 25.
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¹⁶ See Isai.
22. 6.

¹⁷ ver. 32.

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598.

^a ch. 9. 16.
& 48. 2.
^b See ch. 43. 10.

¹ ch. 48. 47.
ver. 6.

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^a Isai. 13. 1. &
21. 1. & 47. 1.
^b Heb. *by*
the hand of
Jeremiah.

^a Hob. *lift up.*

^b Isai. 46. 1.
ch. 51. 44.

^c See ch. 43. 12,
13.

^d ch. 51. 48.

^e Isai. 13. 17,
18, 20.
ver. 39, 40.

^f Hos. 1. 11.

^g Ezra 3. 12, 13.
Ps. 126. 5, 6.
ch. 31. 9.
Zech. 12. 10.
^h Hos. 3. 5.

¹ ch. 31. 31, &c.
& 32. 40.

^k Isai. 53. 6.
ver. 17.
^l 1 Pet. 2. 25.

¹ ch. 2. 20. &
3. 6, 23.

⁴ Hob. *place to*
lie down in.

^m Ps. 79. 7.
ⁿ ch. 40. 2, 3.
Zech. 11. 5.
^o See ch. 2. 3.
Dan. 9. 16.

even my fierce anger, saith the LORD; ^gand I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

38 And I will ^hset my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

39 ¶ But it shall come to pass ¹in the latter days, *that* I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER L.

1, 9, 21, 35 *The judgment of Babylon.* 4, 17, 33
The redemption of Israel.

THE word that the LORD spake ^aagainst Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans ²by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and ³set up a standard; publish, *and* conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, ^bBel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; ^cher idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

3 ^dFor out of the north there cometh up ^ea nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

4 ¶ In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, ^fthey and the children of Judah together, ^ggoing and weeping: they shall go, ^hand seek the LORD their God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in ⁱa perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

6 My people hath been ^klost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* ^lthe mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their ⁴restingplace.

7 All that found them have ^mdevoured them: and ⁿtheir adversaries said, ^oWe offend not, because

they have sinned against the LORD, ^pthe habitation of justice, even the LORD, ^qthe hope of their fathers.

8 ^rRemove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

9 ¶ ^rFor, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall ^tset themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty ²expert man; ^unone shall return in vain.

10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: ^xall that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

11 ^yBecause ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown ³fat ^zas the heifer at grass, and ⁴bellow as bulls;

12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, ^abut it shall be wholly desolate: ^bevery one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

14 ^cPut yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye ^dthat bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.

15 Shout against her round about: she hath ^egiven her hand: her foundations are fallen, ^fher walls are thrown down: for ^git *is* the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; ^has she hath done, do unto her.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the ⁵sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword ¹they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

BEFORE
CHRIST
595.

^p Ps. 90. 1.
& 91. 1.
^q Ps. 22. 4.
^r Isai. 48. 20.
ch. 51. 6, 45.
Zech. 2. 6, 7.
Rev. 18. 4.
^s ch. 15. 14.
& 51. 27.
ver. 3, 41.

^t ver. 14, 29.

^u Or, *destroyer.*
^v 2 Sam. 1. 22.

^z Rev. 17. 16.

^y Isai. 47. 6.

³ Heb. *big, or,*
corpulent.
⁴ Hos. 10. 11.

⁴ Or, *neigh as*
steeds.

^a ch. 25. 12.

^b ch. 49. 17.

^c ver. 9.
ch. 51. 2.
^d ch. 49. 35.
ver. 29.

^e 1 Chron. 29.
24. 2 Chron.
30. 8.
Lam. 5. 6.
Ezek. 17. 18.
^f ch. 51. 58.
^g ch. 51. 6, 11.
^h Ps. 137. 8.
ver. 29.
Rev. 18. 6.

⁵ Or, *scythe.*

¹ Isai. 13. 14.
ch. 51. 9.

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CHRIST
595.

^k ver. 6.
^l ch. 2. 15.
^m 2 Kin. 17. 6.
ⁿ 2 Kin. 24. 10,
14.

^o Isai. 65. 10.
ch. 33. 12.
Ezek. 34. 13,
14.

^p ch. 31. 34.

^q Isai. 1. 9.

^r Or, *of the
rebels.*

^r Ezek. 23. 23.

^s Or,
Visitation.

^t See 2 Sam.
16. 11.
2 Kin. 18. 25.
2 Chron. 36.
23. Isai. 10. 6.
& 44. 28. &
48. 14.
ch. 34. 22.

^u ch. 51. 54.

^v Isai. 14. 6.
ch. 51. 20.

^x ch. 51. 8, 31,
39, 57.
Dan. 5. 30, 31.

^y Isai. 13. 5.

^z Heb. *from
the end.*

^a Or, *tread her.*

^b Ps. 22. 12.
Isai. 34. 7.
ch. 46. 21.

17 ¶ Israel *is* ^k a scattered sheep; ^l the lions have driven *him* away: first ^m the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this ⁿ Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

19 ^o And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, ^p the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be* none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them ^q whom I reserve.

21 ¶ Go up against the land ^r of Merathaim, *even* against it, and against the inhabitants of ^s Pekod: waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD, and do ^t according to all that I have commanded thee.

22 ^t A sound of battle *is* in the land, and of great destruction.

23 How is ^u the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, ^v and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth ^y the weapons of his indignation: for this *is* the work of the Lord God of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 Come against her ^z from the utmost border, open her storehouses: ^a cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

27 Slay all her ^b bullocks; let them

go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of ^c their visitation.

28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, ^d to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

29 Call together the archers against Babylon: ^e all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: ^f recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: ^g for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.

30 ^h Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.

31 Behold, I *am* against thee, O *thou* ⁱ most proud, saith the Lord God of hosts: for ^j thy day is come, the time *that* I will visit thee.

32 And ^k the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and ^l I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

33 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah *were* oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

34 ^m Their Redeemer *is* strong; ⁿ the LORD of hosts *is* his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

35 ¶ A sword *is* upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and ^o upon her princes, and upon ^p her wise men.

36 A sword *is* ^q upon the ^r liars; and they shall dote: a sword *is* upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed.

37 A sword *is* upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon

BEFORE
CHRIST
595.

^a ch. 48. 44.
ver. 31.

^b ch. 51. 10, 11.

^c ver. 14.

^d ver. 15.
ch. 51. 56.
Rev. 18. 6.

^e Isai. 47. 10.

^f ch. 49. 26.
& 51. 4.

^g Heb. *pride.*

^h ver. 27.

ⁱ Heb. *pride.*

^j ch. 21. 14.

^k Rev. 18. 8.

^l Isai. 47. 4.

^m Dan. 5. 30.

ⁿ Isai. 47. 13.

^o Isai. 44. 25.
ch. 48. 30.

^p Or, *chief
slays.*

^q Heb. *bars.*

BEFORE
CHRIST
595.^a ch. 25. 20, 24.
Ezek. 30. 5.^b ch. 51. 30.
Nah. 3. 13.^c Isai. 44. 27.
ch. 51. 32, 36.
Rev. 16. 12.^d ver. 2.
ch. 51. 44, 47,
52.^e Isai. 13. 21,
22, & 34. 14.
ch. 51. 37.
Rev. 18. 2.^f Isai. 13. 20.
ch. 25. 12.^g Gen. 19. 25.
Isai. 13. 19.
ch. 49. 18.
& 51. 26.^h ver. 9.
ch. 6. 22.
& 25. 14. &
51. 27.
Rev. 17. 16.ⁱ ch. 6. 23.^j Isai. 13. 18.^k Isai. 5. 30.^l ch. 49. 24.^m ch. 49. 19, &c.ⁿ Or, *convent
me to plead?*^o Job 41. 10.
ch. 49. 19.^p Isai. 14. 24,
&c.
ch. 51. 11.

all °the mingled people that *are* in the midst of her; and °they shall become as women: a sword *is* upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

38 °A drought *is* upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it *is* the land of °graven images, and they are mad upon *their* idols.

39 °Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell *there*, and the owls shall dwell therein: °and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

40 °As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD; *so* shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

41 °Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

42 °They shall hold the bow and the lance: °they *are* cruel, and will not shew mercy: °their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, *every one* put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: °anguish took hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 °Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man*, *that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me? and who will °appoint me the time? and °who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

45 Therefore hear ye °the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them

out: surely he shall make *their* habitation desolate with them.

46 °At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAPTER LI.

1 *The severe judgment of God against Babylon in revenge of Israel. 59 Jeremiah delivereth the book of this prophecy to Seraiah, to be cast into Euphrates, in token of the perpetual sinking of Babylon.*

THUS saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the °midst of them that rise up against me, °a destroying wind;

2 And will send unto Babylon °fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: °for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

3 Against *him that* bendeth °let the archer bend his bow, and against *him that* lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; °destroy ye utterly all her host.

4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, °and *they that are* thrust through in her streets.

5 For Israel *hath* not *been* forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

6 °Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for °this *is* the time of the LORD's vengeance; °he will render unto her a recompence.

7 °Babylon *hath been* a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: °the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations °are mad.

8 Babylon is suddenly °fallen and destroyed: °howl for her; °take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her,

BEFORE
CHRIST
595.^r Rev. 18. 9.^s Heb. *heart*.^t 2 Kin. 19. 7.
ch. 4. 11.^u ch. 15. 7.^v ch. 50. 14.^w ch. 50. 14.^x ch. 50. 21.^y ch. 49. 26. &
50. 30, 37.^z ch. 50. 8.
Rev. 18. 4.^{aa} ch. 50. 15, 28.^{ab} ch. 25. 14.^{ac} Rev. 17. 4.^{ad} Rev. 14. 8.^{ae} ch. 25. 16.^{af} Isai. 21. 9.
Rev. 14. 8.
& 18. 2.^{ag} ch. 48. 20.
Rev. 18. 9, 11,
19.^{ah} ch. 46. 11.

BEFORE
CHRIST
595.^a ch. 50. 13, 39,
40. ver. 43.^b Isai. 19. 16.
ch. 48. 41.
& 50. 37.^c Lam. 2. 9.
Amos 1. 5.
Nah. 3. 13.^d ch. 50. 24.^e ch. 50. 38.^f Isai. 21. 10.
Amos 1. 3.
Mic. 4. 13.^g Isai. 41. 15.
Hab. 3. 12.^h Or, *in the
time that he
thresheth her.*ⁱ Isai. 17. 5,
&c.
Hos. 6. 11.
Joel 3. 13.
Rev. 14. 15,
18.^j ch. 50. 17.^k Heb. *My
violence.*^l Or,
remainder.^m Heb.
*inhabitant.*ⁿ ch. 50. 34.^o ch. 50. 38.^p Isai. 13. 22.
ch. 50. 39.
Rev. 18. 2.^q ch. 25. 9, 18.^r Or, *shake
themselves.*^s ver. 57.

29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, ^ato make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in *their* holds: their might hath failed; ^bthey became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; ^cher bars are broken.

31 ^dOne post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at *one* end,

32 And that ^ethe passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon *is* ^flike a threshingfloor, ^g*it is* time to thresh her: yet a little while, ^hand the time of her harvest shall come.

34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath ⁱdevoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.

35 ^jThe violence done to me and to my ^kflesh *be* upon Babylon, shall the ^linhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

36 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, ^mI will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; ⁿand I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

37 ^oAnd Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, ^pan astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions: they shall ^qyell as lions' whelps.

39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and ^rI will make them drunken, that they may rejoice,

and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.

41 How is ^sSheshach taken! and how is ^tthe praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

42 ^uThe sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

43 ^vHer cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth *any* son of man pass thereby.

44 ^wAnd I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, ^xthe wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 ^yMy people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.

46 And ^zlest your heart faint, and ye fear ^{aa}for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come *one* year, and after that in *another* year *shall* come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that ^{ab}I will ^{ac}do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

48 Then ^{ad}the heaven and the earth, and all that *is* therein, shall sing for Babylon: ^{ae}for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD.

49 ^{af}As Babylon *hath* caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all ^{ag}the earth.

50 ^{ah}Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

BEFORE
CHRIST
595.^{ba} ch. 25. 26.^{bb} Isai. 13. 19.
ch. 49. 25.
Dan. 4. 30.^{bc} See Isai.
8. 7, 8.^{bd} ch. 50. 39, 40.
ver. 29.^{be} Isai. 46. 1.
ch. 50. 2.^{bf} ver. 58.^{bg} ver. 6.
ch. 50. 8.
Rev. 18. 4.^{bh} Or, *let not.*^{bi} 2 Kin. 19. 7.^{bj} ch. 50. 2.
ver. 52.^{bj} Heb. *visit
upon.*^{bk} Isai. 44. 23.
& 49. 13.
Rev. 18. 20.^{bl} ch. 50. 3, 41.^{bm} Or, *Both
Babylon is
to fall, O ye
slain of
Israel, and
with Baby-
lon, &c.*^{bn} Or, *the
country.*^{bo} ch. 44. 28.

BEFORE
CHRIST
595.^d Ps. 44. 15, 16.
& 79. 4.^o ver. 47.^f ch. 49. 16.
Amos 9. 2.
Obad. 4.^e ch. 50. 22.^h Ps. 94. 1.
ch. 50. 29.
ver. 24.ⁱ ver. 39.^k ch. 46. 18.
& 48. 15.^o Or,
*The walls
of broad
Babylon.*^l ver. 44.^m Or, *made
naked.*ⁿ Hab. 2. 13.

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^q Or, *on the
behalf of.*^r Or, *prince
of Menucha,
or, chief
chamberlain.*

51 ^dWe are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house.

52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, ^ethat I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

53 ^fThough Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.

54 ^gA sound of a cry *cometh* from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans:

55 Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:

56 Because the spoiler is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: ^hfor the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite.

57 ⁱAnd I will make drunk her princes, and her wise *men*, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith ^kthe King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

58 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^l²¹The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly ³broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and ^mthe people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

59 ¶ The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went ⁴with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And *this* Seraiah *was* a ⁵quiet prince.

60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, *even* all these words that are written against Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words;

62 Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that ⁿnone shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be ²desolate for ever.

63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, ^o*that* thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates:

64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: ^pand they shall be weary. Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

CHAPTER LII.

¹ Zedekiah rebelleth. ⁴ Jerusalem is besieged and taken. ⁸ Zedekiah's sons killed, and his own eyes put out. ¹² Nebuzar-adan burneth and spoileth the city. ²⁴ He carrieth away the captives. ³¹ Evil-merodach advanceth Jehoiachin.

ZEDEKIAH *was* ^aone and twenty years old when he ³began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

² And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

³ For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

⁴ ¶ And it came to pass in the ^bninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.

⁵ So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

BEFORE
CHRIST
595.ⁿ ch. 50. 3, 39.
ver. 29.² Heb.
desolations.^o See Rev.
18. 21.^p ver. 58.

599.

^a 2 Kin. 24. 18.
³ Heb. *reigned.*

590.

^b 2 Kin. 25.
1.—27.
ch. 39. 1.
Zech. 8. 19.

BEFORE
CHRIST
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6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans *were* by the city round about :) and they went by the way of the plain.

8 ¶ But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

9 ° Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him.

10 ^d And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

11 Then he ² put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in ³ chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in ⁴ prison till the day of his death.

12 ¶ ° Now in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, ^f which *was* the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, ^g came Nebuzar-adan, ⁵ ⁶ captain of the guard, *which* ⁷ served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem,

13 And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great *men*, burned he with fire:

14 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that *were* with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.

15 ^h Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the residue of the

people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left *certain* of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for husbandmen.

17 ⁱ Also the ^k pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon.

18 ¹ The caldrons also, and the ² shovels, and the snuffers, and the ³ bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

19 And the basons, and the ⁴ firepans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; *that* which *was* of gold *in* gold, and *that* which *was* of silver *in* silver, took the captain of the guard away.

20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brasen bulls that *were* under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: ^m ⁵ the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

21 And *concerning* the ⁿ pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits; and a ⁶ fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof *was* four fingers: *it was* hollow.

22 And a chapter of brass *was* upon it; and the height of one chapter *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapters round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates *were* like unto these.

23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; *and* ^o all the pomegranates upon the network *were* an hundred round about.

24 ¶ And ^p the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, ^q and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the ^r door:

25 He took also out of the city

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¹ ch. 27. 19.
^k See 1 Kings 7. 15, 23, 27, 50.

¹ Ex. 27. 3.
² Kin. 25. 14, 15, 16.

³ Or, *instruments to remove the ashes.*

⁴ Or, *basons.*
⁴ Or, *consers.*

^m 1 Kin. 7. 47.
⁵ Heb. *their brass.*

ⁿ 1 Kin. 7. 15.
² Kin. 25. 17.
² Chron. 3. 15.
⁶ Heb. *thread.*

^o See 1 Kings 7. 20.

^p 2 Kin. 25. 18.

^q ch. 21. 1. & 29. 25.

^r Heb. *threshold.*

^g ch. 32. 4.

^d Ezek. 12. 13.

² Heb. *blinded.*

³ Or, *fetters.*

⁴ Heb. *house of the wards.*

^g Zech. 7. 5. & 8. 19.

^f See ver. 29.

^g ch. 39. 9.

⁵ Or, *chief marshal.*

⁶ Heb. *chief of the executioners, or, slaughtermen.*

And so ver. 14, &c.

⁷ Heb. *stood before.*

^h ch. 39. 9.

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^a Heb. *saw*
the face of
the king.
^b Or, *scribe of*
the captain
of the host.

^r 2 Kin. 24. 2.
600.
^s See 2 Kings
24. 12.
^t See 2 Kings
24. 14.
590.
^u See ver. 12.
ch. 39. 9.
^v Heb. *souls.*
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an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that ²were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the ³principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.
26 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.
27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.
28 ^rThis *is* the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the ^sseventh year ^tthree thousand Jews and three and twenty:
29 ^uIn the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two ^vpersons:
30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzar-adan

the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons *were* four thousand and six hundred.
31 ¶ ^xAnd it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the *first* year of his reign ^ylifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,
32 And spake ^zkindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon,
33 And changed his prison garments: ^zand he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.
34 And *for* his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, ³every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

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^x 2 Kin. 25. 27,
28, 29, 30.

^y Gen. 40. 13,
20.

^z Heb. *good*
things with
him.

^z 2 Sam. 9. 13.

³ Heb. *the*
matter of
the day in
his day.

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH.

CHAPTER I.

¹ *The miserable estate of Jerusalem by reason of her sin.* ¹² *She complaineth of her grief,* ¹⁸ *and confesseth God's judgment to be righteous.*

HOW doth the city sit solitary, *that was full of people!* ^a *how* is she become as a widow! she *that was* great among the nations, *and* ^b *princess* among the provinces, *how* is she become tributary!

² She ^c *weepeth* sore in the ^d *night*, and her tears *are* on her cheeks: ^e *among* all her lovers ^f *she* hath none to comfort *her*: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

³ ^g *Judah* is gone into captivity because of affliction, and ^h *because* of great servitude: ⁱ *she* dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

⁴ The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she *is* in bitterness.

⁵ Her adversaries ^j *are* the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her ^k *for* the multitude of her transgressions: her ^l *children* are gone into captivity before the enemy.

⁶ And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts *that* find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

⁷ Jerusalem remembered in the

days of her affliction and of her miseries all her ^m *pleasant* things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, *and* did mock at her sabbaths.

ⁿ *Jerusalem* hath grievously sinned; therefore she ^o *is* removed: all that honoured her despise her, because ^p *they* have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

⁹ Her filthiness *is* in her skirts; she ^q *remembereth* not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: ^r *she* had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified *himself*.

¹⁰ The adversary hath spread out his hand upon ^s *all* her ^t *pleasant* things: for she hath seen *that* ^u *the* heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command *that* ^v *they* should not enter into thy congregation.

¹¹ All her people sigh, ^w *they* seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat ^x *to* relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile.

¹² ¶ ^y *Is it* nothing to you, all ye that ^z *pass* by? behold, and see ^{aa} *if* there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted *me* in the day of his fierce anger.

¹³ From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaieth against them: he hath ^{ab} *spread* a net for my feet, he hath turned

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^a Isai. 47. 7, 8.

^b Ezra 4. 20.

^c Jer. 13. 17.

^d Job 7. 3.

^e Ps. 6. 6.

^f Jer. 4. 30.

& 30. 14.

ver. 19.

^g ver. 9, 16, 17, 21.

^h Jer. 52. 27.

ⁱ Heb. *for the greatness of servitude.*

^j Deut. 28. 64, 65. ch. 2. 9.

^k Deut. 28. 43, 44.

^l Jer. 30. 14, 15.

Dan. 9. 7, 16.

^m Jer. 52. 28.

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ⁿ Or, *desirable*, ver. 10.

^o 1 Kin. 8. 46.

^p Heb. *is become a removing, or, wandering.*

^q Jer. 13. 22, 26.

Ezek. 16. 37.

& 23. 29.

Hos. 2. 10.

^r Deut. 32. 29.

Isai. 47. 7.

^s ver. 2, 17, 21.

^t ver. 7.

^u Or, *desirable.*

^v Jer. 51. 51.

^w Deut. 23. 3.

Neh. 13. 1.

^x Jer. 38. 9.

& 52. 6.

ch. 2. 12.

& 4. 4.

^y Or, *to make the soul to come again.*

^z Or, *It is nothing.*

^{aa} Heb. *pass by the way?*

^{ab} Dan. 9. 12.

^{ac} Ezek. 12. 13.

& 17. 20.

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^y Dcut. 28. 48.

me back : he hath made me desolate *and* faint all the day.

14 ^y The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand : they are wreathed, *and* come up upon my neck : he hath made my strength to fall, the Lord hath delivered me into *their* hands, *from whom* I am not able to rise up.

15 The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty *men* in the midst of me : he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men : ^a the Lord hath trodden ² the virgin, the daughter of Judah, *as in* a winepress.

16 For these *things* I weep ; ^a mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because ^b the comforter that should ³ relieve my soul is far from me : my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

17 ^a Zion spreadeth forth her hands, *and* ^d there is none to comfort her : the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, *that* his adversaries *should be* round about him : Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.

18 ¶ The LORD is ^a righteous ; for I have ^f rebelled against his ⁴ commandment : hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow : my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

19 I called for my lovers, *but* ² they deceived me : my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, ^h while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.

20 Behold, O LORD ; for I *am* in distress : my ⁱ bowels are troubled ; mine heart is turned within me ; for I have grievously rebelled : ^k abroad the sword bereaveth, at home *there is* as death.

21 They have heard that I sigh : ^l there is none to comfort me : all mine enemies have heard of my trouble ; they are glad that thou hast done *it* : thou wilt bring ^m the day *that* thou hast ⁵ called, and they shall be like unto me.

22 ⁿ Let all their wickedness come

before thee ; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions : for my sighs *are* many, and ^o my heart *is* faint.

CHAPTER II.

¹ Jeremiah lamenteth the misery of Jerusalem.
²⁰ He complaineth thereof to God.

HOW hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, ^a *and* cast down from heaven unto the earth ^b the beauty of Israel, and remembered not ^o his footstool in the day of his anger !

2 The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, ^d *and* hath not pitied : he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah ; he hath ² brought *them* down to the ground : ^e he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

3 He hath cut off in *his* fierce anger all the horn of Israel : ^f he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, ² *and* he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, *which* devoureth round about.

4 ^h He hath bent his bow like an enemy : he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew ³ⁱ *all that were* pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion : he poured out his fury like fire.

5 ^k The Lord was as an enemy : he hath swallowed up Israel, ¹ he hath swallowed up all her palaces : he hath destroyed his strong holds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

6 And he hath violently ^m taken away his ⁴ tabernacle, ⁿ *as if it were* of a garden : he hath destroyed his places of the assembly : ^o the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

7 The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he

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^o ch. 5. 17.

^a Matt. 11. 23.

^b 2 Sam. 1. 19.

^c 1 Chron. 28. 2.
Ps. 99. 5. &
132. 7.

^d ver. 17, 21.
ch. 3. 43.

² Heb. *made to touch.*
^e Ps. 89. 39.

^f Ps. 74. 11.

² Ps. 89. 46.

^h Isai. 63. 10.
ver. 5.

³ Heb. *all the desirable of the eye.*
ⁱ Ezek. 24. 25.

^k ver. 4.
Jer. 30. 14.
¹ 2 Kin. 25. 9.
Jer. 52. 13.

^m Ps. 80. 12.
& 89. 40.
Isai. 5. 5.

⁴ Or, *hedge.*

ⁿ Isai. 1. 8.

^o ch. 1. 4.
Zeph. 3. 18.

^a Isai. 63. 3.
Rev. 14. 19,
20. & 19. 15.

² Or, *the winepress of the virgin, &c.*

^a Jer. 13. 17.
& 14. 17.
ch. 2. 18.

^b ver. 2, 9.
³ Heb. *bring back.*

^c Jer. 4. 31.

^d ver. 2, 9.

^e Neh. 9. 33.
Dan. 9. 7, 14.
^f 1 Sam. 12. 14,
15.

^h Heb. *mouth.*

^g ver. 2.
Jer. 30. 14.

^h ver. 11.

ⁱ Job 30. 27.
Isai. 16. 11.
Jer. 4. 19. &
48. 36.
ch. 2. 11.
Hos. 11. 8.

^k Dcut. 32. 25.
Ezek. 7. 15.

^l ver. 2.

^m Isai. 13. &c.
Jer. 46. &c.
⁵ Or,
proclaimed.

ⁿ Ps. 109. 15.

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cir. 588.^a Heb. *shut up*.
^b Ps. 74. 4.^q 2 Kin. 21. 13.
Isai. 34. 11.^r Heb. *swallowing up*.^r Jer. 51. 30.^s Deut. 28. 36.
^t 2 Kin. 24. 15.
& 25. 7.
ch. 1. 3. &
4. 20.^u 2 Chron. 15. 3.^v Ps. 74. 9.
Ezek. 7. 26.^w Job 2. 13.
Isai. 3. 26.
ch. 3. 28.^x Job 2. 12.^y Isai. 15. 3.
Ezek. 7. 18.
& 27. 31.^z Ps. 6. 7.
ch. 3. 48, &c.^{aa} ch. 1. 20.^{ab} Job 16. 13.
Ps. 22. 14.^{ac} ver. 19.
ch. 4. 4.^{ad} Or, *faint*.^{ae} ch. 1. 12.
Dan. 9. 12.^{af} Jer. 2. 8. &
5. 31. & 14. 14.
& 23. 16. &
27. 14. &
29. 8, 9.
Ezek. 13. 2.
^{ag} Isai. 58. 1.

hath ^agiven up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; ^bthey have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.

^c8 The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: ^dhe hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from ^edestroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.

^f9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and ^gbroken her bars: ^hher king and her princes *are* among the Gentiles: ⁱthe law *is* no *more*; her ^jprophets also find no vision from the LORD.

^k10 The elders of the daughter of Zion ^lsit upon the ground, *and* keep silence: they have ^mcast up dust upon their heads; they have ⁿgirded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

^o11 ^pMine eyes do fail with tears, ^qmy bowels are troubled, ^rmy liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because ^sthe children and the sucklings ^tswoon in the streets of the city.

^u12 They say to their mothers, Where *is* corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom.

^v13 What thing shall I take to witness for thee? ^wwhat thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach *is* great like the sea: who can heal thee?

^x14 Thy ^yprophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not ^zdiscovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.

^a15 ^bAll that pass ^cby ^dclap *their* hands at thee; they hiss ^eand wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying*, *Is* this the city that *men* call ^fThe perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?

^g16 ^hAll thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, ⁱWe have swallowed *her* up: certainly this *is* the day that we looked for; we have found, ^jwe have seen *it*.

^k17 The LORD hath done *that* which he had ^ldevised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: ^mhe hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused *thine* enemy to ⁿrejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

^o18 Their heart cried unto the Lord, O ^pwall of the daughter of Zion, ^qlet tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

^r19 Arise, ^scry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches ^tpour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, ^uthat faint for hunger ^vin the top of every street.

^w20 ¶ Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. ^xShall the women eat their fruit, *and* children ^yof a span long? ^zshall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

^a21 ^bThe young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain *them* in the day of thine anger; ^cthou hast killed, *and* not pitied.

^d22 Thou hast called as in a solemn day ^emy terrors round about, so that in the day of the LORD's anger none escaped nor remained: ^fthose that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

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cir. 588.^a 1 Kin. 9. 8.
Jer. 18. 16.
Nah. 3. 19.^b Heb. *by the way*.^c Ezek. 25. 6.^d 2 Kin. 19. 21.
Ps. 44. 14.^e Ps. 48. 2. &
50. 2.^f Job 16. 9, 10.
Ps. 22. 13.

ch. 3. 46.

^g Ps. 56. 2.^h Ps. 35. 21.ⁱ Lev. 26. 16,
&c.
Deut. 28. 15,
&c.^j ver. 2.^k Ps. 38. 16.
& 89. 42.^l ver. 8.^m Jer. 14. 17.
ch. 1. 16.ⁿ Ps. 119. 147.^o Ps. 62. 8.^p ver. 11.^q Isai. 51. 20.
ch. 4. 1.
Nah. 3. 10.^r Lev. 26. 29.
Deut. 28. 53.
Jer. 19. 9.
ch. 4. 10.
Ezek. 5. 10.^s Or, *swaddled with their hands*?^t ch. 4. 13, 16.
^u 2 Chron. 36. 17.^v ch. 3. 43.^w Ps. 31. 13.
Jer. 6. 25.
& 46. 5.^x Hos. 2. 12, 13.

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CHAPTER III.

1 *The faithful bewail their calamities.* 22 *By the mercies of God they nourish their hope.* 37 *They acknowledge God's justice.* 55 *They pray for deliverance,* 64 *and vengeance on their enemies.*

I AM the man *that* hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

2 He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.

3 Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand *against me* all the day.

4 ^a My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath ^b broken my bones.

5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travel.

6 ^c He hath set me in dark places, as *they that be* dead of old.

7 ^d He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy.

8 Also ^e when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

9 He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.

10 ^f He *was* unto me *as* a bear lying in wait, *and as* a lion in secret places.

11 He hath turned aside my ways, and ^g pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate.

12 He hath bent his bow, and ^h set me as a mark for the arrow.

13 He hath caused ⁱ the ² arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

14 I was a ^k derision to all my people; *and* ^l their song all the day.

15 ^m He hath filled me with ³ bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood.

16 He hath also broken my teeth ⁿ with gravel stones, he hath ⁴ covered me with ashes.

17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot ⁵ prosperity.

18 ^o And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD:

19 ² Remembering mine affliction and my misery, ^p the wormwood and the gall.

20 My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is ³ humbled in me.

21 This I ⁴ recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22 ¶ ^q *It is of* the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 *They are new* ^r every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

24 The LORD is my ^s portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25 The LORD is good unto them that ^t wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.

26 *It is good that a man* should both hope ^u and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

27 ^x *It is good* for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28 ^y He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne *it* upon him.

29 ^z He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

30 ^a He giveth *his* cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

31 ^b For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For ^c he doth not afflict ⁵ willingly nor grieve the children of men.

34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,

35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of ⁶ the most High,

36 To subvert a man in his cause, ^d the Lord ⁷ approveth not.

37 ¶ Who is he ^e *that* saith, and it cometh to pass, *when* the Lord commandeth *it* not?

38 Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not ^f evil and good?

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² Or, Remember.
^p Jer. 9. 15.
³ Heb. bowed.

⁴ Heb. make to return to my heart.
^q Mal. 3. 6.

^r Isai. 33. 2.

^s Ps. 16. 5. & 73. 26. & 119. 57.
Jer. 10. 16.

^t Ps. 130. 6.
Isai. 30. 18.
Mic. 7. 7.

^u Ps. 37. 7.

^x Ps. 94. 12. & 119. 71.

^y Jer. 15. 17.
ch. 2. 10.

^z Job 42. 6.

^a Isai. 50. 6.
Matt. 5. 39.

^b Ps. 94. 14.

^c Ezek. 33. 11.
Hebr. 12. 10.
⁵ Heb. from his heart.

^d Or, a superior.

^e Hab. 1. 13.
⁷ Or, seeth not.
^f Ps. 33. 9.

^f Job 2. 10.
Isai. 45. 7.
Amos 3. 6.

^a Job 16. 8.

^b Ps. 51. 8.
Isai. 38. 13.
Jer. 50. 17.

^c Ps. 88. 5, 6.
& 143. 3.

^d Job 3. 23.
& 19. 8.
Hos. 2. 6.

^e Job 30. 20.
Ps. 22. 2.

^f Job 10. 16.
Isai. 38. 13.
Hos. 5. 14. & 13. 7, 8.

^g Hos. 6. 1.

^h Job 7. 20.
& 16. 12.
Ps. 38. 2.

ⁱ Job 6. 4.
² Heb. sons.

^k Jer. 20. 7.

^l Job 30. 9.
Ps. 69. 12.
ver. 63.

^m Jer. 9. 15.
³ Heb. bitternesses.

ⁿ Prov. 20. 17.
⁴ Or, rolled me in the ashes.

⁵ Heb. good.

^o Ps. 31. 22.

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^g Prov. 19. 3.
^h Or, *murmur*.
ⁱ Mic. 7. 9.
^j Ps. 86. 4.

^k Dan. 9. 5.

^l ch. 2. 2, 17,
21.

^m ver. 8.

ⁿ 1 Cor. 4. 13.

^o ch. 2. 16.

^p Isai. 24. 17.
Jer. 48. 43.
^q Isai. 51. 19.

^r Jer. 4. 19. &
9. 1. & 14. 17.
ch. 2. 11.

^s Ps. 77. 2.
ch. 1. 16.

^t Isai. 63. 15.

^u Heb. *my soul*.
^v Or, *more
than all*.

^w Ps. 35. 7, 19.
& 69. 4. &
109. 3. &
119. 161.

^x Jer. 37. 16. &
38. 6, 9, 10.

^y Dan. 6. 17.
^z Ps. 69. 2. &
124. 4, 5.

^a Ps. 31. 22.
Isai. 38. 10,
11. ver. 18.

^b Ps. 130. 1.
Jonah 2. 2.
^c Ps. 3. 4. &
6. 8. & 18. 6.
& 66. 19. &
116. 1.

^d Jam. 4. 8.

^e Ps. 35. 1.
Jer. 51. 36.
^f Ps. 71. 23.

89 ^g Wherefore doth a living man
^h complain, ⁱ a man for the punish-
ment of his sins?

40 Let us search and try our ways,
and turn again to the LORD.

41 ^j Let us lift up our heart with
our hands unto God in the hea-
vens.

42 ^k We have transgressed and
have rebelled: thou hast not par-
doned.

43 Thou hast covered with anger,
and persecuted us: ^l thou hast slain,
thou hast not pitied.

44 Thou hast covered thyself with
a cloud, ^m that *our* prayer should
not pass through.

45 Thou hast made us *as* the ⁿ off-
scouring and refuse in the midst of
the people.

46 ^o All our enemies have opened
their mouths against us.

47 ^p Fear and a snare is come
upon us, ^q desolation and destruc-
tion.

48 ^r Mine eye runneth down with
rivers of water for the destruction
of the daughter of my people.

49 ^s Mine eye trickleth down, and
ceaseth not, without any intermis-
sion,

50 Till the LORD ^t look down, and
behold from heaven.

51 Mine eye affecteth ^u mine heart
^v because of all the daughters of my
city.

52 Mine enemies chased me sore,
like a bird, ^w without cause.

53 They have cut off my life ^x in
the dungeon, and ^y cast a stone up-
on me.

54 ^z Waters flowed over mine head;
then ^a I said, I am cut off.

55 ^b I called upon thy name, O
LORD, out of the low dungeon.

56 ^c Thou hast heard my voice:
hide not thine ear at my breath-
ing, at my cry.

57 Thou ^d drewest near in the
day *that* I called upon thee: thou
saidst, Fear not.

58 O Lord, thou hast ^e pleaded
the causes of my soul; ^f thou hast
redeemed my life.

59 O LORD, thou hast seen my
wrong: ^g judge thou my cause.

60 Thou hast seen all their ven-
geance *and* all their ^h imaginations
against me.

61 Thou hast heard their reproach,
O LORD, *and* all their imaginations
against me;

62 The lips of those that rose
up against me, and their device
against me all the day.

63 Behold their ⁱ sitting down, and
their rising up; ^k I *am* their mu-
sick.

64 ^l Render unto them a recom-
pence, O LORD, according to the
work of their hands.

65 Give them ^m sorrow of heart,
thy curse unto them.

66 Persecute and destroy them in
anger ⁿ from under the ^o heavens of
the LORD.

CHAPTER IV.

1 *Zion bewaileth her pitiful estate.* 13 *She con-
fesseth her sins.* 21 *Edom is threatened.* 22
Zion is comforted.

HOW is the gold become dim!
how is the most fine gold
changed! the stones of the sanc-
tuary are poured out ^a in the top
of every street.

2 The precious sons of Zion, com-
parable to fine gold, how are they
esteemed ^b as earthen pitchers, the
work of the hands of the potter!

3 Even the ^c sea monsters draw out
the breast, they give suck to their
young ones: the daughter of my
people *is become* cruel, ^d like the
ostriches in the wilderness.

4 ^e The tongue of the sucking child
cleaveth to the roof of his mouth
for thirst: ^f the young children ask
bread, *and* no man breaketh *it* unto
them.

5 They that did feed delicately are
desolate in the streets: they that
were brought up in scarlet ^g em-
brace dunghills.

6 For the ^h punishment of the ini-
quity of the daughter of my people
is greater than the punishment of
the sin of Sodom, *that was* ⁱ over-

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^j Ps. 9. 4. &
35. 23.
^k Jer. 11. 19.

^l Ps. 139. 2.
^m ver. 14.

ⁿ Ps. 28. 4.
See Jer.
11. 20.
2 Tim. 4. 14.

^o Or, *obstinacy
of heart*.

^p Deut. 25. 19.
Jer. 10. 11.
^q Ps. 8. 3.

^r ch. 2. 19.

^s Isai. 30. 14.
Jer. 19. 11.
2 Cor. 4. 7.

^t Or, *sea calves*.

^u Job 39. 14,
16.

^v Ps. 22. 15.

^w See ch. 2. 11,
12.

^x Job 24. 8.

^y Or, *iniquity*.

^z Gen. 19. 25.

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thrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.

7 Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing *was* of sapphire :

8 Their visage is ^{2h} blacker than a coal ; they are not known in the streets : ¹ their skin cleaveth to their bones ; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

9 *They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger* : for these ³ pine away, stricken through for *want of* the fruits of the field.

10 ^k The hands of the ¹ pitiful women have sodden their own children : they were their ^m meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury ; ⁿ he hath poured out his fierce anger, and ^o hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.

13 ¶ ^p For the sins of her prophets, *and* the iniquities of her priests, ^q that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,

14 They have wandered *as* blind men in the streets, ^r they have polluted themselves with blood, ^s so that men could not touch their garments.

15 They cried unto them, Depart ye ; ^t *it is* ^u unclean ; depart, depart, touch not : when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn *there*.

16 The ^v anger of the LORD hath divided them ; he will no more regard them : ^w they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.

17 As for us, ^x our eyes as yet

failed for our vain help : in our watching we have watched for a nation *that* could not save *us*.

18 ^y They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets : our end is near, our days are fulfilled ; for ^z our end is come.

19 Our persecutors are ^a swifter than the eagles of the heaven : they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The ^b breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, ^c was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

21 ¶ ^d Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz ; ^e the cup also shall pass through unto thee : thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

22 ¶ ^f ² The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion ; he will no more carry thee away into captivity : ^g he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom ; he will ^h discover thy sins.

CHAPTER V.

A pitiful complaint of Zion in prayer unto God.

ⁱ REMEMBER, O LORD, what is come upon us : consider, and behold ^j our reproach.

2 ^k Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers *are* as widows.

4 We have drunken our water for money ; our wood ^l is sold unto us.

5 ^m ² Our necks *are* under persecution : we labour, *and* have no rest.

6 ⁿ We have given the hand ^o to the Egyptians, *and* to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 ^p Our fathers have sinned, *and* ^q *are* not ; and we have borne their iniquities.

8 ^r Servants have ruled over us : *there is* none that doth deliver *us* out of their hand.

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¹ 2 Kin. 25. 4, 5.

² Ezek. 7. 2, 3, 6. Amos 8. 2.
³ Deut. 28. 49.
Jer. 4. 13.

⁴ Gen. 2. 7.
ch. 2. 9.
⁵ Jer. 52. 9.
Ezek. 12. 13.
& 19. 4, 8.

⁶ Like Eccles. 11. 9.

⁷ Jer. 25. 15, 16, 21.
Obad. 10.

⁸ Isai. 40. 2.
⁹ Or, *Thine iniquity.*

¹⁰ Ps. 137. 7.

¹¹ Or, *carry thee captive for thy sins.*

¹² Ps. 89. 50, 51.

¹³ Ps. 79. 4.
ch. 2. 15.
¹⁴ Ps. 79. 1.

¹⁵ Heb. *cometh for price.*

¹⁶ Deut. 28. 48.
Jer. 28. 14.

¹⁷ Heb. *On our necks are we persecuted.*

¹⁸ Gen. 24. 2.
Jer. 50. 15.

¹⁹ Hos. 12. 1.
²⁰ Jer. 31. 29.
Ezek. 18. 2.

²¹ Gen. 42. 13.
Zech. 1. 5.

²² Neh. 5. 15.

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^k Job 30. 30.
Ps. 119. 83.
ch. 4. 8.

^l Or, *terrors*,
or, *storms*.

^l Isai. 13. 16.
Zech. 14. 2.

^m Isai. 47. 6.
ch. 4. 16.

ⁿ Judg. 16. 21.

9 We gat our bread with *the peril* of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.

10 Our ^kskin was black like an oven because of the ^lterrible famine.

11 ^lThey ravished the women in Zion, *and* the maids in the cities of Judah.

12 Princes are hanged up by their hand : ^mthe faces of elders were not honoured.

13 They took the young men ⁿto grind, and the children fell under the wood.

14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick.

15 The joy of our heart is ceased ; our dance is turned into mourning.

16 ^o²The crown is fallen *from* our head : woe unto us, that we have sinned !

17 For this ^pour heart is faint ; ^qfor these *things* our eyes are dim.

18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

19 Thou, O LORD, ^rremainest for ever ; ^sthy throne from generation to generation.

20 ^tWherefore dost thou forget us for ever, *and* forsake us ³so long time ?

21 ^uTurn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned ; renew our days as of old.

22 ^vBut thou hast utterly rejected us ; thou art very wroth against us.

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^o Job 19. 9.
Ps. 89. 39.

^q Heb. *The crown of our head is fallen.*

^p ch. 1. 22.

^q Ps. 6. 7.
ch. 2. 11.

^r Ps. 9. 7.

& 10. 16. &
29. 10. & 90. 2.

& 102. 12, 26,
27. & 145. 13.

Hab. 1. 12.

^s Ps. 45. 6.

^t Ps. 13. 1.

^u Heb. *for length of days ?*

^v Ps. 80. 3, 7, 19.
Jer. 31. 18.

^w Or, *For wilt thou utterly reject us ?*

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CHAPTER I.

¹ *The time of Ezekiel's prophecy at Chebar.*
⁴ *His vision of four cherubims, 15 of the four wheels, 26 and of the glory of God.*

NOW it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I *was* among the ²captives ^aby the river of Chebar, *that* ^bthe heavens were opened, and I saw ^cvisions of God.

² In the fifth day of the month, which *was* the fifth year of ^dking Jehoiachin's captivity,

³ The word of the LORD came expressly unto ³Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and ^ethe hand of the LORD was there upon him.

⁴ ¶ And I looked, and, behold, ^fa whirlwind came ^gout of the north, a great cloud, and a fire ^hinfolding itself, and a brightness *was* about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

⁵ ^hAlso out of the midst thereof *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And ⁱthis *was* their appearance; they had ^kthe likeness of a man.

⁶ And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

⁷ And their feet *were* ^lstraight feet; and the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled ^mlike the colour of burnished brass.

⁸ ⁿAnd *they had* the hands of a man under their wings on their four

sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

⁹ ⁿTheir wings *were* joined one to another; ^othey turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

¹⁰ As for ^pthe likeness of their faces, they four ^qhad the face of a man, ^rand the face of a lion, on the right side: ^sand they four had the face of an ox on the left side; ^tthey four also had the face of an eagle.

¹¹ Thus *were* their faces: and their wings *were* ^ustretched upward; two wings of every one *were* joined one to another, and ^vtwo covered their bodies.

¹² And ^xthey went ~~every~~ ^yone straight forward. ^zone spirit was to go, they went; *and* ^{aa}they turned not when they went.

¹³ As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, ^{ab}and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

¹⁴ And the living creatures ^bran and returned ^cas the appearance of a flash of lightning.

¹⁵ ¶ Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold ^done wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

¹⁶ ^eThe appearance of the wheels and their work *was* ^flike unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work *was* as it

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^a ver. 11.
^b ver. 12.
ch. 10. 11.

^c See Rev. 4. 7.
^d Num. 2. 10.
^e Num. 2. 3.
^f Num. 2. 18.

^g Num. 2. 25.

^h Or, *divided above.*

ⁱ Isai. 6. 2.

^j ver. 9.
ch. 10. 22.
^k ver. 20.
^l ver. 9, 17.

^m Rev. 4. 5.

ⁿ Zech. 4. 10.
^o Matt. 24. 27.

^p ch. 10. 9.

^q ch. 10. 9, 10.
^r Dan. 10. 6.

^s Heb. *captivity.*
^t ver. 3.
ch. 3. 15, 23.
& 10. 15, 20,
22. & 43. 3.

^u So Matt.
3. 16.
Acts 7. 56.
& 10. 11.
Rev. 19. 11.

^v ch. 8. 3.
^w 2 Kin. 24. 12,
15.

^x Heb.
Jehzekel.

^y 1 Kin. 18. 46.
2 Kin. 3. 15.
ch. 3. 14, 22.
& 8. 1. &
40. 1.

^z Jer. 23. 19.
& 25. 32.

^{aa} Jer. 1. 14. &
4. 6. & 6. 1.

^{ab} Heb. *catching itself.*

^{ac} Rev. 4. 6, &c.

^{ad} ch. 10. 8, &c.

^{ae} ver. 10.
ch. 10. 14, 21.

^{af} Heb. *a straight foot.*

^{ag} Dan. 10. 6.
Rev. 1. 15.

^{ah} ch. 10. 8, 21.

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cir. 595.^e ver. 12.^g Or, *strakes*.^h ch. 10. 12.

Zech. 4. 10.

ⁱ ch. 10. 16, 17.^k ver. 12.^l ch. 10. 17.^m Or, *of life*.ⁿ ver. 19, 20.
ch. 10. 17.^o Or, *of life*.^p ch. 10. 1.^q ch. 10. 5.^r ch. 43. 2.

Dan. 10. 6.

Rev. 1. 15.

^s Job 37. 4, 5.

Ps. 29. 3, 4.

& 68. 33.

^t ch. 10. 1.^u Ex. 24. 10.

were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 When they went, they went upon their four sides: ^aand they turned not when they went.

18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their ^brings were ^cfull of eyes round about them four.

19 And ^dwhen the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

20 ^eWhithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither *was* their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: ^ffor the spirit ^gof the living creature *was* in the wheels.

21 ^hWhen those went, *these* went; and when those stood, *these* stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit ⁱof the living creature *was* in the wheels.

22 ^jAnd the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature *was* as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads.

23 And ^kthe firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

24 ^lAnd when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, ^mlike the noise of great waters, as ⁿthe voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

25 And there was a voice from the firmament that *was* over their heads, when they stood, *and* had let down their wings.

26 ¶ ^oAnd above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, ^pas the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne *was*

the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

27 ^qAnd I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

28 ^rAs the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. ^sThis *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw *it*, ^tI fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

CHAPTER II.

1 Ezekiel's commission. 6 His instruction.

9 The roll of his heavy prophecy.

AND he said unto me, Son of man, ^ustand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

2 And ^vthe spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious ^wnation that hath rebelled against me: ^xthey and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day.

4 ^yFor *they are* ^zimpudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God.

5 ^{aa}And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for *they are* a rebellious house,) yet ^{ab}shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

6 ¶ And thou, son of man, ^{ac}be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though ^{ad}brambles and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: ^{ae}be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, ^{af}though *they be* a rebellious house.

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cir. 595.^g ch. 8. 2.^h Rev. 4. 3.
& 10. 1.ⁱ ch. 3. 23.
& 8. 4.^j ch. 3. 23.
Dan. 8. 17.
Acts 9. 4.
Rev. 1. 17.^k Dan. 10. 11.^l ch. 3. 24.^m Heb. *nations*.ⁿ Jer. 3. 25.
ch. 20. 18, 21,
30.^o ch. 3. 7.^p Heb. *hard of face*.^q ch. 3. 11, 26,
27.^r ch. 33. 33.^s Jer. 1. 8, 17.
Luke 12. 4.^t Or, *rebels*.^u Isai. 9. 18.

Jer. 6. 28.

Mic. 7. 4.

^v ch. 3. 9.

1 Pet. 3. 14.

^w ch. 3. 9, 26,
27.

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cir. 595.¹ Jer. 1. 7, 17.
^m ver. 5.² Heb.
rebellion.^a Rev. 10. 9.^o ch. 8. 3.
Jer. 1. 9.
^u ch. 3. 1.

7 ¹ And thou shalt speak my words unto them, ^m whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they *are* ² most rebellious.

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and ⁿ eat that I give thee.

9 ¶ And when I looked, behold, ^o an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, ^p a roll of a book *was* therein;

10 And he spread it before me; and it *was* written within and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

CHAPTER III.

1 *Ezekiel eateth the roll.* 4 *God encourageth him.* 15 *God sheweth him the rule of prophecy.* 22 *God shutteth and openeth the prophet's mouth.*

MOREOVER he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; ⁿ eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I ^b eat it; and it was in my mouth ^o as honey for sweetness.

4 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

5 For thou *art* not sent to a people ³ of a strange speech and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel;

6 Not to many people ⁴ of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. ⁵ Surely, ^d had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.

7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; ^e for they will not hearken unto me: ^f for all the house of Israel *are* ^g impudent and hardhearted.

8 Behold, I have made thy face

strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.

9 ² As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: ^h fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.

11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, ⁱ Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then ^k the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed *be* the glory of the Lord from his place.

13 *I heard* also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that ² touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.

14 So ¹ the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went ³ in bitterness, in the ⁴ heat of my spirit; but ^m the hand of the Lord was strong upon me.

15 ¶ Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and ⁿ I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

17 ^o Son of man, I have made thee ^p a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked *man* ^q shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

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595.⁸ Isai. 50. 7.
Jer. 1. 18.
& 15. 20.
Mic. 3. 8.
^h Jer. 1. 8, 17.
ch. 2. 6.ⁱ ch. 2. 5, 7.
ver. 27.^k ver. 14.
ch. 8. 3.
See 1 Kings
18. 12.
2 Kin. 2. 16.
Acts 8. 39.² Heb. *kissed.*¹ ver. 12.
ch. 8. 3.
³ Heb. *bitter.*
⁴ Heb. *hot*
anger.
^m 2 Kin. 3. 15.
ch. 1. 3. &
8. 1. & 37. 1.ⁿ Job 2. 13.
Ps. 137. 1.^o ch. 33. 7, 8, 9.^p Isai. 52. 8.
& 56. 10. &
62. 6.
Jer. 6. 17.^q ch. 33. 6.
John 8. 21,
24.

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595.^r Isai. 49. 4, 5.
Acts 20. 26.^r ch. 18. 24. &
33. 12, 13.
^s Heb. *right-
eousnesses*.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; ^rbut thou hast delivered thy soul.

20 Again, When a ^rrighteous man doth turn from his ^srighteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

22 ¶ And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth ^rinto the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, ^rthe glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I ^ssaw by the river of Chebar: ^rand I fell on my face.

24 Then ^rthe spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house.

25 But thou, O son of man, behold, ^rthey shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them:

26 And ^rI will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them ^sa reprov-
er: ^rfor they are a rebellious house.

27 ^rBut when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbear-eth, let him forbear: ^rfor they are a rebellious house.

^t ch. 1. 3.
ver. 14.^u ch. 8. 4.^r ch. 1. 28.^r ch. 1. 1.^r ch. 1. 28.^r ch. 2. 2.^r ch. 4. 8.^r ch. 24. 27.
Luke 1. 20,
22.^r Heb. *a man
reproving*.^r ch. 2. 5, 6, 7.^r ch. 24. 27.
& 33. 22.^r ver. 11.^r ver. 9, 26.
ch. 12. 2, 3.

CHAPTER IV.

1 Under the type of a siege is shewed the time from the defection of Jeroboam to the captivity. 9 By the provision of the siege, is shewed the hardness of the famine.

THOU also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem:

2 And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set ^sbattering rams against it round about.

3 Moreover take thou unto thee ^san iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. ^rThis shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.

5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: ^rso shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee ^reach day for a year.

7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.

8 ^rAnd, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee ^sfrom one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.

9 ¶ Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and ^sfitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the

BEFORE
CHRIST
595.^s Or, *chief
leaders*,
ch. 21. 22.^s Or, *a flat
plate, or,
slice*.^r ch. 12. 6, 11.
& 24. 24, 27.cir. 975.
Beginning
from 1 Kings
12. 23.Ending
cir. 585.^r Num. 14. 34.^r Heb. *a day
for a year,
a day for a
year*.^r ch. 3. 25.^r Heb. *from
thy side to
thy side*.^r Or, *spelt*.

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number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.

10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat *shall be* by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it.

11 Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.

12 And thou shalt eat it *as* barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.

13 And the LORD said, Even thus ^dshall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them.

14 Then said I, °Ah Lord God! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of ^fthat which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there ^gabominable flesh into my mouth.

15 Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.

16 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the ^hstaff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall ⁱeat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall ^kdrink water by measure, and with astonishment:

17 That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and ^lconsume away for their iniquity.

CHAPTER V.

¹ Under the type of hair, 5 is shewed the judgment of Jerusalem for their rebellion, 12 by famine, sword, and dispersion.

AND thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, ^aand cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the *hair*.

² ^bThou shalt burn wit^h fire a third part in the midst of ^cthe city,

when ^dthe days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, *and* smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

³ ^eThou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy ²skirts.

⁴ Then take of them again, and ^fcast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; *for* thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

⁵ ¶ Thus saith the Lord God; This *is* Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries *that are* round about her.

⁶ And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that *are* round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them.

⁷ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that *are* round about you, *and* have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, ^gneither have done according to the judgments of the nations that *are* round about you;

⁸ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, *am* against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.

⁹ ^hAnd I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.

¹⁰ Therefore the fathers ⁱshall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I ^kscatter into all the winds.

¹¹ Wherefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord God; Surely, because thou hast ^ldefiled my sanctuary with all thy ^mdetestable things, and with all

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^d ch. 4. 8, 9.

^e Jer. 40. 6. & 52. 16.

^g Heb. wings.

^f Jer. 41. 1, 2, &c. & 44. 14.

^g Jer. 2. 10, 11. ch. 16. 47.

^h Lam. 4. 6. Dan. 9. 12. Amos 3. 2.

ⁱ Lev. 26. 29. Deut. 28. 53. 2 Kin. 6. 29. Jer. 19. 9. Lam. 2. 20. & 4. 10.

^k ver. 12. Lev. 26. 33. Deut. 28. 64. ch. 12. 14. Zech. 2. 6.

^l 2 Chron. 36. 14. ch. 7. 20. & 8. 5, &c. & 23. 38. ^m ch. 11. 21.

^d Hos. 9. 3.

^e Acts 10. 14.

^f Ex. 22. 31. Lev. 11. 40. & 17. 15.

^g Deut. 14. 3. Isai. 65. 4.

^h Lev. 26. 26. Ps. 105. 16. Isai. 3. 1. ch. 5. 16. & 14. 13. ⁱ ver. 10. ch. 12. 19. ^k ver. 11.

^l Lev. 26. 39. ch. 24. 23.

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^a See Lev. 21. 5. Isai. 7. 20. ch. 44. 20.

^b ver. 12.

^c ch. 4. 1.

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CHRIST
594.ⁿ ch. 7. 4, 9.
& 8. 18. &
9. 10.^o See ver. 2.
Jer. 15. 2.
& 21. 9.
ch. 6. 12.^p Jer. 9. 16.
ver. 2, 10.
ch. 6. 8.^q Lev. 26. 33.
ver. 2.
ch. 12. 14.^r Lam. 4. 11.
ch. 6. 12.
& 7. 8.^s ch. 21. 17.
^t Deut. 32. 36.
Isai. 1. 24.^u ch. 36. 6. &
38. 19.^x Lev. 26. 31,
32.
Neh. 2. 17.^y Deut. 28. 37.
¹ Kin. 9. 7.
Ps. 79. 4.
Jer. 24. 9.
Lam. 2. 15.^a ch. 25. 17.^a Deut. 32. 23,
24.^b Lev. 26. 26.
ch. 4. 16. &
14. 13.^c Lev. 26. 22.
Deut. 32. 24.
ch. 14. 21.
& 33. 27. &
34. 25.^d ch. 38. 22.

thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; ⁿneither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

12 ¶ ^oA third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and ^aa third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and ^pI will scatter a third part into all the winds, and ^qI will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall mine anger ^rbe accomplished, and I will ^scause my fury to rest upon them, ^tand I will be comforted: ^uand they shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it* in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

14 Moreover ^xI will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that *are* round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.

15 So it shall be a ^yreproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that *are* round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in ¹furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken *it*.

16 When I shall ^asend upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for *their* destruction, *and* which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your ^bstaff of bread:

17 So will I send upon you famine and ^cevil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and ^dpestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken *it*.

CHAPTER VI.

1 *The judgment of Israel for their idolatry.*
8 *A remnant shall be blessed.* 11 *The faithful are exhorted to lament their calamities.*

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AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, ^aset thy face toward the ^bmountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

3 And say, Ye mountains of Israel,

^a ch. 20. 46.
& 21. 2. &
25. 2.^b ch. 36. 1.

hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, *even* I, will bring a sword upon you, and ^cI will destroy your high places.

4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your ²images shall be broken: and ^dI will cast down your slain *men* before your idols.

5 And I will ³lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.

6 In all your dwellingplaces the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ^eye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

8 ¶ ^fYet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have *some* that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because ^gI am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and ^hwith their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and ⁱthey shall lothe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

10 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

11 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God; Smite ^kwith thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! ¹for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

BEFORE
CHRIST
594.^o Lev. 26. 30.² Or, *sun images*,
and so ver. 6.^d Lev. 26. 30.³ Heb. *give*.^e ver. 13.
ch. 7. 4, 9.
& 11. 10, 12.
& 12. 15.^f Jer. 44. 28.
ch. 5. 2, 12.
& 12. 16. &
14. 22.^g Ps. 78. 40.
Isai. 7. 13.
& 43. 24. &
63. 10.^h Num. 15. 39.
ch. 20. 7, 24.ⁱ Lev. 26. 39.
Job 42. 6.
ch. 20. 43.
& 36. 31.^k ch. 21. 14.¹ ch. 5. 12.

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594.^m ch. 5. 13.ⁿ ver. 7.^o Jer. 2. 20.^p Hos. 4. 13.^q Isai. 57. 5.^r Isai. 5. 25.^s Or, desolate
from the
wilderness.^t Num. 33. 46.
Jer. 48. 22.

12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: ^m thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

13 Then ⁿ shall ye know that I *am* the LORD, when their slain *men* shall be among their idols round about their altars, ^o upon every high hill, ^p in all the tops of the mountains, and ^q under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.

14 So will I ^r stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, ^s more desolate than the wilderness toward ^t Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER VII.

1 *The final desolation of Israel.* 16 *The mournful repentance of them that escape.* 20 *The enemies defile the sanctuary because of the Israelites' abominations.* 23 *Under the type of a chain is shewed their miserable captivity.*

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God unto the land of Israel; ^a An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.

3 Now *is* the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and ^b will judge thee according to thy ways, and will ^c recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

4 And ^c mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: ^d and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

5 Thus saith the Lord God; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come.

6 An end is come, the end is come: it ^e watcheth for thee; behold, it is come.

7 ^e The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land:

^f the time is come, the day of trouble *is* near, and not the ^g sounding again of the mountains.

8 Now will I shortly ^g pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: ^h and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.

9 And ⁱ mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense ^j thee according to thy ways and thine abominations *that* are in the midst of thee; ^k and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD that smiteth.

10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: ^l the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.

11 ^m Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them *shall* remain, nor of their ⁿ multitude, nor of any of ^o their's: ^p neither *shall* there *be* wailing for them.

12 ^o The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof.

13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, ^q although they were yet alive: for the vision *is* touching the whole multitude thereof, *which* shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself ^r in ^s the iniquity of his life.

14 They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof.

15 ^t The sword *is* without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that *is* in the field shall die with the sword; and he that *is* in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

16 ¶ But ^u they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.

17 All ^v hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall ^w be weak *as* water.

BEFORE
CHRIST
594.^f ver. 12.
Zeph. 1. 14, 15.^g Or, echo.
^h ch. 20. 8, 21.
ⁱ ver. 3.^j ver. 4.^k Heb. upon thee.^l ver. 4.^m ver. 7.ⁿ Jer. 6. 7.^o Or, tumult.^p Or, their tumultuous persons.^q Jer. 16. 5, 6.
ch. 24. 16, 22.
^r ver. 7.^s Heb. though their life were yet among the living.^t Or, whose life is in his iniquity.^u Heb. his iniquity.^v & 16,
Deut. 3. 4,
Lam. 1. 53,
ch. 5. 1.17.
12. 21.
2. 8.
mine^w ch. 11.
Eron. 36.ch. to
struction.^x Lev. 9. 4.
Jer. 25. 29.
1 Pet. 4. 17.
ch. 8. 11, 12, 16.^a ver. 3, 6.
Amos 8. 2.
Matt. 24. 6,
13, 14.^b ver. 8, 9.^c Heb. give.^d ver. 9.
ch. 5. 11.
& 8. 18. &
9. 10.^e ver. 27.
ch. 6. 7. &
12. 20.^f Heb. awaketh
against thee.^g ver. 10.

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^a Isai. 3. 24.
& 15. 2, 3.
Jer. 48. 37.
Amos 8. 10.
^c Ps. 55. 5.

^a Heb. for a
separation,
or, unclean-
ness.

^u Prov. 11. 4.
Zeph. 1. 18.

^a Or, because
their iniquity
is their stum-
blingblock.

^z ch. 14. 3, 4.
& 44. 12.

⁷ Jer. 7. 30.

^a Or, made
it unto them
an unclean
thing.

^a Or, burglars.

^a 2 Kin. 21. 16.
ch. 9. 9. &
11. 6.

^b Or, they
shall inherit
their holy
places.

^h Heb.
^c Leaving off.
De.
ch.
& 3int. 32. 23.
34. 2 & 4. 20.
^d ch. 3.

⁴ 9.
2. 9.
1, 3.

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^a ch. 20. 46.
& 21. 2. &
25. 2.
^b ch. 36. 1.

18 They shall also ^agird themselves with sackcloth, and ^ahorror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be ^aremoved: their ^asilver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: ³because it is ^xthe stumblingblock of their iniquity.

20 ¶ As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: ^ybut they made the images of their abominations and of their detestable things therein: therefore have I ⁴set it far from them.

21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it.

22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place: for the ⁵robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.

23 ¶ Make a chain: for ^zthe land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and ⁶their holy places shall be defiled.

25 ⁷Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

26 ^aMischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; ^bthen shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and ⁸according to their deserts will I judge them; ^cand they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 Ezekiel, in a vision of God at Jerusalem, 5 is shewed the image of jealousy, 7 the chambers of imagery, 13 the mourners for Tam-muz, 15 the worshippers towards the sun. 18 God's wrath for their idolatry.

AND it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and ^athe elders of Judah sat before me, that ^bthe hand of the Lord God fell there upon me.

2 ^cThen I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, ^das the colour of amber.

3 And he ^eput forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and ^fthe spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and ^gbrought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; ^hwhere was the seat of the image of jealousy, which ⁱprovoketh to jealousy.

4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I ^ksaw in the plain.

5 ¶ Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.

7 ¶ And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.

8 Then said he unto me, Son of

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CHRIST
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^a ch. 14. 1.
& 20. 1. &
33. 31.

^b ch. 1. 3. &
3. 22.

^c ch. 1. 26, 27.

^d ch. 1. 4.

^e Dan. 5. 5.

^f ch. 3. 14.

^g ch. 11. 1, 24.
& 40. 2.

^h Jer. 7. 30.
& 32. 34.
ch. 5. 11.

ⁱ Deut. 32. 16,
21.

^k ch. 1. 28. &
3. 22, 23.

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man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.

9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.

11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, ¹The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

13 ¶ He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which *was* toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

15 ¶ Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, ^mbetween the porch and the altar, ⁿwere about five and twenty men, ^owith their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped ^pthe sun toward the east.

17 ¶ Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man?

²Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have ⁴filled the land with violence, and have re-

turned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

18 ¶ Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine ^eeye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they ^tcry in mine ears with a loud voice, *yet* will I not hear them.

CHAPTER IX.

¹ A vision, whereby is shewed the preservation of some, 5 and the destruction of the rest.
⁸ God cannot be intreated for them.

HE cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, ²which lieth toward the north, and every man ³a slaughter weapon in his hand; ⁴and one man among them *was* clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn ⁴by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

3 And ^bthe glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which *had* the writer's inkhorn by his side;

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and ⁵set ^aa mark upon the foreheads of the men ^dthat sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

5 ¶ And to the others he said in ⁶mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: ^elet not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

⁶Slay ⁷utterly old *and* young, both maids, and little children, and women: but ⁸come not near any man upon whom *is* the mark; and ^bbegin at my sanctuary. ⁱThen they began at the ancient men which *were* before the house.

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CHRIST
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^r ch. 5. 13. & 16. 42. & 24. 13.
ⁿ ch. 5. 11. & 7. 4. 9. & 9. 5. 10.
^t Prov. 1. 28. Isai. 1. 15. Jer. 11. 11. & 14. 12. Mic. 3. 4. Zech. 7. 13.

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² Heb. *which is turned.*

³ Heb. *a weapon of his breaking in pieces.*

⁴ Lev. 16. 4. ch. 10. 2, 6, 7. Rev. 15. 6.

⁴ Heb. *upon his loins.*

^b See ch. 3. 23. & 8. 4. & 10. 4, 18. & 11. 22, 23.

⁵ Heb. *mark a mark.*

^c Ex. 12. 7. Rev. 7. 3. & 9. 4. & 13. 16, 17. & 20. 4.

^d Ps. 119. 53, 136. Jer. 13. 17. 2 Cor. 12. 21. 2 Pet. 2. 8.

⁶ Heb. *mine ears.*

^e ver. 10. ch. 5. 11.

^f 2 Chron. 36. 17.

⁷ Heb. *to destruction.*

⁸ Rev. 9. 4.

^b Jer. 25. 29. 1 Pet. 4. 17. ch. 8. 11, 12, 16.

¹ ch. 9. 9.

^m Joel 2. 17.

ⁿ ch. 11. 1.

^o Jer. 2. 27. & 32. 33.

^p Deut. 4. 19. 2 Kin. 23. 5, 11.

Job 31. 26. Jer. 44. 17.

² Or, *Is there any thing lighter than to commit.*

⁴ ch. 9. 9.

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cir. 594.

^a Num. 14. 5. &
16. 4, 22, 45.
Josh. 7. 6.
¹ ch. 11. 13.

^m 2 Kin. 21. 16.
ch. 8. 17.
^a Heb. *filled*
with.
^a Or, *wreathing*
of judgment.
ⁿ ch. 8. 12.
^o Ps. 10. 11.
Isai. 29. 15.
^p ch. 5. 11. &
7. 4. & 8. 18.
^q ch. 11. 21.

⁴ Heb. *return-*
ed the word.

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^a ch. 1. 22, 26.

^b ch. 9. 2, 3.

^a Heb. *the*
hollow of
thine hand.
^o ch. 1. 13.

^d See Rev. 8. 5.

^e See ver. 13.
ch. 1. 28. &
9. 3.

^e Heb. *was*
lifted up.

^f 1 Kin. 8. 10,
11. ch. 43. 5.

7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

8 ¶ And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I ^kfell upon my face, and cried, and said, 'Ah Lord God! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah *is* exceeding great, and ^mthe land is ²full of blood, and the city full of ³perverseness: for they say, ⁿThe LORD hath forsaken the earth, and ^othe LORD seeth not.

10 And as for me also, mine ^peye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* ^qI will recompense their way upon their head.

11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which *had* the inkhorn by his side, ⁴reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

CHAPTER X.

1 *The vision of the coals of fire, to be scattered over the city.* 8 *The vision of the cherubims.*

THEN I looked, and, behold, in the ^afirmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 ^bAnd he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill ⁵thine hand with ^ccoals of fire from between the cherubims, and ^dscatter *them* over the city. And he went in in my sight.

3 Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

4 ^eThen the glory of the LORD ^fwent up from the cherub, *and stood* over the threshold of the house; and ^gthe house was filled

with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory.

5 And the ^hsound of the cherubims' wings was heard *even* to the outer court, as ⁱthe voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh.

6 And it came to pass, *that* when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.

7 And *one* cherub ²stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that *was* between the cherubims, and took *thereof*, and put *it* into the hands of *him that was* clothed with linen: who took *it*, and went out.

8 ¶ ¹And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 ^kAnd when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels *was* as the colour of a ^lberyl stone.

10 And *as for* their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.

11 ^mWhen they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.

12 And their whole ³body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and ⁿthe wheels, *were* full of eyes round about, *even* the wheels that they four had.

13 As for the wheels, ⁴it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel.

14 ^oAnd every one had four faces: the first face *was* the face of a cherub, and the second face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubims were lifted

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^e ch. 1. 24.

^h Ps. 29. 3, &c.

² Heb. *sent*
forth.

¹ ch. 1. 8.
ver. 21.

^k ch. 1. 15.

^l ch. 1. 16.

^m ch. 1. 17.

³ Heb. *flesh*.

ⁿ ch. 1. 18.

⁴ Or, *they*
were called in
my hearing,
wheel, or,
galgal.

^o ch. 1. 6, 10.

BEFORE
CHRIST
594.^p ch. 1. 5.
^q ch. 1. 19.^r ch. 1. 12, 20,
21.^s Or, of life.^t ver. 4.^u Hos. 9. 12.^v ch. 11. 22.^x ch. 1. 22.
ver. 15.
^y ch. 1. 1.^z ch. 1. 6.
ver. 14.^a ch. 1. 8.
ver. 8.^b ch. 1. 10.^c ch. 1. 12.^d ch. 3. 12, 14.
& 8. 3.
ver. 24.
^e ch. 10. 19.^f See ch. 8. 16.

up. This is ^pthe living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

16 ^qAnd when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.

17 ^rWhen they stood, *these* stood; and when they were lifted up, *these* lifted up themselves *also*: for the spirit ^sof the living creature *was* in them.

18 Then ^tthe glory of the LORD ^udeparted from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims.

19 And ^vthe cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also *were* beside them, and *every one* stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.

20 ^xThis *is* the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel ^yby the river of Chebar; and I knew that they *were* the cherubims.

21 ^zEvery one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; ^aand the likeness of the hands of a man *was* under their wings.

22 And ^bthe likeness of their faces *was* the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: ^cthey went every one straight forward.

CHAPTER XI.

1 *The presumption of the princes. 4 Their sin and judgment. 13 Ezekiel complaining, God sheweth him his purpose in saving a remnant, 21 and punishing the wicked. 22 The glory of God leaveth the city. 24 Ezekiel is returned to the captivity.*

MOREOVER ^dthe spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto ^ethe east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and behold ^fat the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur,

and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

2 Then said he unto me, Son of man, these *are* the men that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city:

3 Which say, ^g*It is* not ^hnear; let us build houses: ⁱthis *city is* the caldron, and we *be* the flesh.

4 ^j¶ Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.

5 And ^kthe Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, *every one of* them.

6 ^lYe have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; ^mYour slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they *are* the flesh, and this *city is* the caldron: ⁿbut I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

8 Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord God.

9 And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and ^owill execute judgments among you.

10 ^pYe shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in ^qthe border of Israel; ^rand ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

11 ^sThis *city* shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; *but* I will judge you in the border of Israel:

12 And ^tye shall know that I *am* the LORD: ^ufor ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but ^vhave done after the manners of the heathen that *are* round about you.

13 ^w¶ And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that ^xPelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then ^yfell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

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CHRIST
594.^g Or, It is not for us to build houses near.^h ch. 12. 22, 27.ⁱ 2 Pet. 3. 4.^j See Jer. 1. 13.^k ch. 24. 3, &c.^l ch. 2. 2. &^m 3. 24.ⁿ ch. 7. 23. &^o 22. 3, 4.^p ch. 24. 3, 6,
10, 11.
Mic. 3. 3.^q ver. 9.^r ch. 5. 8.^s 2 Kin. 25. 19,
20, 21.
Jer. 39. 6.^t & 52. 10.^u 1 Kin. 8. 65.^v 2 Kin. 14. 25.^w Ps. 9. 16.^x ch. 6. 7. &^y 13. 9, 14, 21,^z 23.^a See ver. 3.^b ver. 10.^c Or, which have not walked.^d Lev. 18. 3,^e 24, &c.^f Deut. 12. 30,^g 31. ch. 8. 10,^h 14, 16.ⁱ ver. 1.^j Acts 5. 5.^k ch. 9. 8.

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CHRIST
594.

14 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

15 Son of man, thy brethren, *even* thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, *are* they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD: unto us is this land given in possession.

16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God; ^u I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

18 And they shall come thither, and ^x they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.

19 And ^y I will give them one heart, and I will put ^a a new spirit within you; and I will take ^a the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

20 ^b That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: ^c and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

21 But *as for them* whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, ^d I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God.

22 ¶ Then did the cherubims ^e lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.

23 And ^f the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood ^g upon the mountain ^h which is on the east side of the city.

24 ¶ Afterwards ⁱ the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea,

to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shewed me.

CHAPTER XII.

1 *The type of Ezekiel's removing.* 8 *It shewed the captivity of Zedekiah.* 17 *Ezekiel's trembling sheweth the Jews' desolation.* 21 *The Jews' presumptuous proverb is reprov'd.* 26 *The speediness of the vision.*

THE word of the LORD also came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of ^a a rebellious house, which ^b have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: ^c for they *are* a rebellious house.

3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee ² stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they *be* a rebellious house.

4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing: and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, ³ as they that go forth into captivity.

5 ⁴ Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.

6 In their sight shalt thou bear it upon *thy* shoulders, and carry it forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: ^d for I have set thee *for* a sign unto the house of Israel.

7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I ⁵ digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought it forth in the twilight, and I bare it upon *my* shoulder in their sight.

8 ¶ And in the morning came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, ^e the rebellious house, said unto thee, ^f What doest thou?

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^a ch. 2. 3, 6, 7, 8. & 3. 26, 27.

^b Isai. 6. 9. & 42. 20. Jer. 5. 21. Matt. 13. 13, 14.

^c ch. 2. 5.

^d Or, instruments.

^e Heb. *as the goings forth of captivity.*

^f Heb. *Dig for thee.*

^d Isai. 8. 18. ch. 4. 3. & 24. 24. ver. 11.

^e Heb. *digged for me.*

^e ch. 2. 5. ^f ch. 17. 12. & 24. 19.

^t Ps. 90. 1. & 91. 9. Isai. 8. 14.

^u Jer. 24. 5. ch. 28. 25. & 34. 13. & 36. 24.

^x ch. 37. 23.

^y Jer. 32. 39. ch. 36. 26, 27. See Zeph. 3. 9.

^a Ps. 51. 10. Jer. 31. 33. & 32. 39. ch. 18. 31.

^b Zech. 7. 12.

^c Ps. 105. 45.

^d Jer. 24. 7. ch. 14. 11. & 36. 28. & 37. 27.

^e ch. 9. 10. & 22. 31.

^f ch. 1. 19. & 10. 19.

^g ch. 8. 4. & 9. 3. & 10. 4. 18. & 43. 4.

^h See Zech. 14. 4.

ⁱ ch. 43. 2.

^j ch. 8. 3.

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CHRIST
594.^s Mal. 1. 1.^h ver. 6.^s Heb. *by removing go into captivity.*¹ 2 Kin. 25. 4, 5, 7.^k Jer. 39. 4.¹ Job 19. 6.

Jer. 52. 9.

Lam. 1. 13.

ch. 17. 20.

^m 2 Kin. 25. 7.

Jer. 52. 11.

ch. 17. 16.

ⁿ 2 Kin. 25. 4, 5.

ch. 5. 10.

^o ch. 5. 2, 12.^p Ps. 9. 16.

ch. 6. 7, 14.

& 11. 10.

ver. 16, 20.

^q ch. 6. 8, 9, 10.^s Heb. *men of number.*^r ch. 4. 16.^s Zech. 7. 14.^t Heb. *thefulness thereof.*^u Ps. 107. 34.

10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; This ^sburden *concerneth* the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that *are* among them.

11 Say, ^hI *am* your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: ²ⁱthey shall remove *and* go into captivity.

12 And ^kthe prince that *is* among them shall bear upon *his* shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with *his* eyes.

13 My ¹net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and ^mI will bring him to Babylon *to* the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

14 And ⁿI will scatter toward every wind all that *are* about him to help him, and all his bands; and ^oI will draw out the sword after them.

15 ^pAnd they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.

16 ^qBut I will leave ³a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

17 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

18 Son of man, ^reat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness;

19 And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord God of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, *and* of the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may ^ube desolate from ⁴all that is therein, ⁵because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.

20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

21 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

22 Son of man, what *is* that proverb *that* ye have in the land of Israel, saying, ^uThe days are prolonged, and every vision faileth?

23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, ^xThe days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.

24 For ^ythere shall be no more any ^zvain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.

25 For I *am* the LORD: I will speak, and ^athe word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God.

26 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

27 ^bSon of man, behold, *they of* the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth *is* ^cfor many days *to come*, and he prophesieth of the times *that are* far off.

28 ^dTherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XIII.

¹ The reproof of lying prophets, 10 and their untempered mortar. 17 Of prophetesses and their pillows.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto ²them that prophesy out of their own ^bhearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

BEFORE
CHRIST
594.^u ch. 11. 3.
ver. 27.
Amos 6. 3.
2 Pet. 3. 4.^x Joel 2. 1.
Zeph. 1. 14.^y ch. 13. 23.^z Lam. 2. 14.^a Isai. 55. 11.
ver. 28.
Dan. 9. 12.
Luke 21. 33.^b ver. 22.^c 2 Pet. 3. 4.^d ver. 23, 25.^s ver. 17.
^t Heb. *them that are prophets out of their own hearts.*
^u Jer. 14. 14.
& 23. 16, 26.

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CHRIST
594.

^a Heb. *walk after*.
^b Or, *and things which they have not seen*.
^c Cant. 2. 15.
^d Ps. 106. 23, 30. ch. 22. 30.
^e Or, *breaches*.
^f Heb. *hedged the hedge*.

^g ch. 12. 24.
 & 22. 28.
 ver. 23.

^h Or, *secret, or, council*.
ⁱ Ezra 2. 59, 62.
 Neh. 7. 5.
 Ps. 69. 28.
^j ch. 20. 38.
^k ch. 11. 10, 12.

^l Jer. 6. 14.
 & 8. 11.
^m Or, *a slight wall*.
ⁿ ch. 22. 28.

^o ch. 38. 22.

8 Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that ² follow their own spirit, ³ and have seen nothing!

4 O Israel, thy prophets are ^e like the foxes in the deserts.

5 Ye ^d have not gone up into the ⁴ gaps, neither ⁵ made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.

6 ^e They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The Lord saith: and the Lord hath not sent them: and they have made *others* to hope that they would confirm the word.

7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith *it*; albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, saith the Lord God.

9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the ⁶ assembly of my people, ^f neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, ^g neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; ^h and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

10 ¶ Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, ⁱ Peace; and *there was* no peace; and one built up ⁷ a wall, and, lo, others ^k daubed it with untempered mortar:

11 Say unto them which daub *it* with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: ¹ there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend *it*.

12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where *is* the daubing wherewith ye have daubed *it*?

18 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend *it* with a

stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in *my* fury to consume *it*.

14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: ^m and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall *is* no more, neither they that daubed it;

16 *To wit*, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which ⁿ see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, saith the Lord God.

17 ¶ Likewise, thou son of man, ^o set thy face against the daughters of thy people, ^p which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them,

18 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the *women* that sew pillows to all ² armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye ^q hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive *that come* unto you?

19 And will ye pollute me among my people ^r for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear *your* lies?

20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls ³ to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, *even* the souls that ye hunt to make *them* fly.

21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in

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CHRIST
594.

^m ver. 9, 21, 23.
 ch. 14. 8.

ⁿ Jer. 6. 14.
 & 28. 9.

^o ch. 20. 46.
 & 21. 2.
^p ver. 2.

^q Or, *elbowes*.

^r 2 Pet. 2. 14.

^s See Prov. 28.
 21. Mic. 3. 5.

^t Or, *into gardens*.

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CHRIST
594.^a ver. 9.^t Jer. 23. 14.^a Or, that I should save his life.^a Heb. by quickening him.^u ver. 6, &c. ch. 12. 24. Mic. 3. 6.^x ver. 9. ch. 14. 8. & 15. 7.cir. 594.
^a ch. 8. 1. & 20. 1. & 33. 31.^b ch. 7. 19. ver. 4, 7.
^c 2 Kin. 3. 13.⁴ Or, others.

your hand to be hunted; ^aand ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and ^tstrengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, ²³by promising him life:

23 Therefore ^uye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: ^aand ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER XIV.

1 *God answereth idolaters according to their own heart.* 6 *They are exhorted to repent, for fear of judgments, by means of seduced prophets.* 12 *God's irrevocable sentence of famine, 15 of noisome beasts, 17 of the sword, 19 and of pestilence.* 22 *A remnant shall be reserved for example of others.*

THEN ^acame certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put ^bthe stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: ^cshould I be enquired of at all by them?

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;

5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

6 ¶ Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn ⁴*yourselves* from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that so-

journeth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:

8 And ^dI will set my face against that man, and will make him a ^esign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; ^fand ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD ^ghave deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

10 And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh *unto him*;

11 That the house of Israel may ^hgo no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; ⁱbut that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.

12 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the ^kstaff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

14 ^lThough these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls ^mby their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ If I cause ⁿnoisome beasts to pass through the land, and they ²spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:

16 ^oThough these three men were ³in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 594.^d Lev. 17. 10. & 20. 3, 5, 6. Jer. 44. 11. ch. 15. 7.^e Num. 26. 10. Deut. 28. 37. ch. 5. 15.^f ch. 6. 7.^g 1 Kin. 22. 23. Job 12. 16. Jer. 4. 10.² Thess. 2. 11.^h 2 Pet. 2. 15.ⁱ ch. 11. 20. & 37. 27.^k Lev. 26. 26. Isai. 3. 1. ch. 4. 16. & 5. 16.^l Jer. 15. 1. ver. 16, 18, 20. See Jer. 7. 16. & 11. 14. & 14. 11.^m Prov. 11. 4.ⁿ Lev. 26. 22. ch. 5. 17.² Or, *bereave*.^o ver. 14, 18, 20.³ Heb. *in the midst of it*.

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CHRIST
cir. 594.

^p Lev. 26. 25.
ch. 5. 12. &
21. 3, 4. &
29. 8. & 38. 21.
^q ch. 25. 13.
Zeph. 1. 3.
^r ver. 14.

^s 2 Sam. 24. 15.
ch. 38. 22.
^t ch. 7. 8.

^u ver. 14.

^a Or, *Also*
when.
^x ch. 5. 17.
& 33. 27.

^y ch. 6. 8.

^z ch. 20. 43.

^a Jer. 22. 8, 9.

cir. 594.

nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

17 ¶ Or *if* ^pI bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I ^qcut off man and beast from it:

18 ^rThough these three men *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

19 ¶ Or *if* I send ^sa pestilence into that land, and ^tpour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

20 ^uThough Noah, Daniel, and Job, *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

21 For thus saith the Lord God; ^aHow much more when ^xI send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

22 ¶ ^yYet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, *both* sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ^zye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon it.

23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done ^awithout cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XV.

1 *By the unfitness of the vine branch for any work* 6 *is shewed the rejection of Jerusalem.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, What is the vine tree more than any tree, *or than a*

branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will *men* take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?

4 Behold, ^ait is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. ²Is it meet for *any* work?

5 Behold, when it was whole, it was ³meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for *any* work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

6 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 And ^bI will set my face against them; ^cthey shall go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire shall devour them; ^dand ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I set my face against them.

8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have ⁴committed a trespass, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XVI.

1 *Under the similitude of a wretched infant is shewed the natural state of Jerusalem.* 6 *God's extraordinary love towards her.* 15 *Her monstrous whoredom.* 35 *Her grievous judgment.* 41 *Her sin, matching her mother, and exceeding her sisters, Sodom and Samaria, calleth for judgments.* 60 *Mercy is promised her in the end.*

AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, ^acause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God unto Jerusalem; Thy ⁵birth ^band thy nativity *is* of the land of Canaan; ^cthy father *was* an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

4 And *as for* thy nativity, ^din the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water ^eto supple *thee*; thou wast

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^a John 15. 6

² Heb. *Will it prosper?*

³ Heb. *made fit.*

^b Lev. 17. 10.
ch. 14. 8.
^c Isai. 24. 18.

^d ch. 6. 7. &
7. 4. & 11. 10.
& 20. 38, 42,
44.

⁴ Heb.
trespassed a
trespass.

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^a ch. 20. 4.
& 22. 2. &
33. 7, 8, 9.

⁵ Heb. *cutting*
out, or, habi-
tation.

^b ch. 21. 30.
^c ver. 45.

^d Hos. 2. 3.

^e Or, *when I*
looked upon
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	not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.	among the heathen for thy beauty : for it <i>was</i> perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God.	
	5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee ; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.	15 ¶ "But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, °and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by ; his it was.	" See Deut. 32. 15. Jer. 7. 4. Mic. 3. 11. ° Isai. 1. 21. & 57. 8. Jer. 2. 20. & 3. 2, 6, 20. ch. 23. 3, 8, 11, 12. Hos. 1. 2.
² Or, trodden under foot.	6 ¶ And when I passed by thee, and saw thee ² polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee <i>when thou wast</i> in thy blood, Live ; yea, I said unto thee <i>when thou wast</i> in thy blood, Live.	16 ¶ And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon : <i>the like things</i> shall not come, neither shall it be so.	¹ 2 Kin. 23. 7. ch. 7. 20. Hos. 2. 8.
⁶ Ex. 1. 7. ² Heb. made thee a million.	7 "I have ³ caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to ⁴ excellent ornaments : <i>thy</i> breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou <i>wast</i> naked and bare.	17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images ² of men, and didst commit whoredom with them,	² Heb. of a male.
⁴ Heb. ornament of ornaments.	8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked ¹ pon thee, behold, thy time <i>was</i> the time of love ; ¹ and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness : yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord God, and ² thou becamest mine.	18 And tookest thy broidered garments, and coveredst them : and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them.	⁴ Hos. 2. 8.
¹ Ruth 3. 9.	9 Then washed I thee with water ; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy ⁵ blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.	19 "My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, <i>wherewith</i> I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for ³ a sweet savour : and <i>thus</i> it was, saith the Lord God.	³ Heb. a savour of rest.
⁶ Ex. 19. 5. Jer. 2. 2.	10 I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.	20 ¶ Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them ⁴ to be devoured. <i>Is this</i> of thy whoredoms a small matter,	¹ 2 Kin. 16. 3. Ps. 106. 37, 38. Isai. 57. 5. Jer. 7. 31. & 32. 35. ch. 20. 26. & 23. 37.
⁵ Heb. bloods.	11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I ¹ put bracelets upon thy hands, ¹ and a chain on thy neck.	21 That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through <i>the fire</i> for them ?	⁴ Heb. to devour.
¹ Prov. 1. 9.	12 And I put a jewel on thy ⁶ forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.	22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy ⁷ youth, ¹ when thou wast naked and bare, <i>and</i> wast polluted in thy blood.	⁷ Jer. 2. 2. ver. 43, 60. Hos. 11. 1. ¹ ver. 4, 5, 6.
⁶ Heb. nose : See Isai. 3. 21.	13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver ; and thy raiment <i>was</i> of fine linen, and silk, and broidered work ; ⁸ thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil : and thou wast exceeding ¹ beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.	23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee ! saith the Lord God ;)	⁸ ver. 31.
⁸ Deut. 32. 13, 14.	14 And ¹¹ thy renown went forth	24 <i>That</i> ¹¹ thou hast also built unto thee an ⁵ eminent place, and ¹² hast made thee an high place in every street.	⁵ Or, brothel house. ¹² Isai. 57. 5, 7. Jer. 2. 20. & 3. 2.
¹ Ps. 48. 2.			
¹¹ Lam. 2. 15.			

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594.^y Prov. 9. 14.^a ch. 8. 10, 14.
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23. 19, 20, 21.^a 2 Chron. 28.
18, 19.
ver. 57.^a Or, *cities*.^b 2 Kin. 16. 7, 10.
2 Chron. 28. 23.
Jer. 2. 18, 36.
ch. 23. 12, &c.^c ch. 23. 14, &c.^a Or, *In thy
daughters is
thine, &c.*^d ver. 24, 39.^e Isai. 30. 6.
Hos. 8. 9.
^f Heb. *bribe*.

25 Thou hast built thy high place ^yat every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

26 Thou hast also committed fornication with ^athe Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary *food*, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, ^athe ²daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

28 ^bThou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.

29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan ^cunto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these *things*, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

31 ³In that ^dthou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire;

32 *But as* a wife that committeth adultery, *which* taketh strangers instead of her husband!

33 They give gifts to all whores: but ^ethou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and ^fhirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

34 And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

35 ¶ Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the Lord:

36 Thus saith the Lord God; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by ^fthe blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;

37 Behold, therefore ^gI will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all *them* that thou hast loved, with all *them* that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

38 And I will judge thee, ²as ^hwomen that break wedlock and ⁱshed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.

39 And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down ^kthine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: ¹they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take ³thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

40 ^mThey shall also bring up a company against thee, ⁿand they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.

41 And they shall ^oburn thine houses with fire, and ^pexecute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to ^qcease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

42 So ^rwill I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

43 Because ^sthou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these *things*; behold, therefore ^tI also will recompense thy way upon *thine* head, saith the Lord God: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.

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594.^f Jer. 2. 34.
ver. 20.^g Jer. 13. 22, 26.
Lam. 1. 8.
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22, 29.
Hos. 2. 10.
& 8. 10.
Nah. 3. 5.^a Heb. *with
judgments of*.^b Lev. 20. 10.
Dout. 22. 22.
ch. 23. 45.^c Gen. 9. 6.
Ex. 21. 12.
See ver. 20, 36.^k ver. 24, 31.¹ ch. 23. 26.
Hos. 2. 3.^a Heb. *instru-
ments of thine
ornament*.^m ch. 23. 46, 47.ⁿ John 8. 5, 7.^o Dent. 13. 16.
2 Kin. 25. 9.
Jer. 39. 8. &
52. 13.^p ch. 5. 8.
& 23. 10, 48.^q ch. 23. 27.^r ch. 5. 13.^s Ps. 78. 42.
ver. 22.^t ch. 9. 10.
& 11. 21.
& 22. 31.

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44 ¶ Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As *is* the mother, *so is* her daughter.

45 Thou *art* thy mother's daughter, that lotheth her husband and her children; and thou *art* the sister of thy sisters, which lothed their husbands and their children: ^ayour mother *was* an Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

46 And thine elder sister *is* Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and ^{x2}thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, *is* Sodom and her daughters.

47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, ³as *if that were* a very little *thing*, ^ythou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

48 *As* I live, saith the Lord God, ^xSodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, ^afulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50 And they were haughty, and ^bcommitted abomination before me: therefore ^cI took them away as I saw *good*.

51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and ^dhast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

53 ^eWhen I shall bring again their captivity, ^fthe captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the cap-

tivity of Samaria and her daughters, then *will I bring again* the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them:

54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art ^ga comfort unto them.

55 When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.

56 For thy sister Sodom was not ²mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy ³pride,

57 Before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time of *thy* ^hreproach of the daughters of ⁴Syria, and all *that are* round about her, ⁱthe daughters of the Philistines, which ⁵despise thee round about.

58 ^kThou hast ^oborne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD.

59 For thus saith the Lord God; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast ¹despised ^mthe oath in breaking the covenant.

60 ¶ Nevertheless I will ⁿremember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee ^oan everlasting covenant.

61 Then ^pthou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for ^qdaughters, ^rbut not by thy covenant.

62 ^sAnd I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD:

63 That thou mayest ^tremember, and be confounded, ^uand never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord God.

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594.^g ch. 14. 22, 23.² Heb. *for a report, or, hearing.*³ Heb. *prides, or, excellencies.*^h 2 Kin. 16. 5. 2 Chron. 28. 18. Isai. 7. 1. & 14. 28.ⁱ Heb. *Aram.*¹ ver. 27.^o Or, *spoil.*^k ch. 23. 49.⁵ Heb. *borne them.*¹ ch. 17. 13, 16.^m Deut. 29. 12, 14.ⁿ Ps. 106. 45.^o Jer. 32. 40. & 50. 5.^p ch. 20. 43. & 36. 31.^q Isai. 54. 1.

& 60. 4. Gal. 4. 26, &c.

^r Jer. 31. 31, &c.^s Hos. 2. 19, 20.^t ver. 61.^u Rom. 3. 19.^a ver. 3.^x Deut. 32. 32. Isai. 1. 10.^y Heb. *lesser than thou.*³ Or, *that was lothed as a small thing.*^y 2 Kin. 21. 9. ch. 5. 6, 7. ver. 48, 51.^x Matt. 10. 15. & 11. 24.^a Gen. 13. 10.^b Gen. 13. 13. & 18. 20. & 19. 5.^c Gen. 19. 24.^d Jer. 3. 11. Matt. 12. 41, 42.^e See Isai. 1. 9. & ver. 60, 61. ^f Jer. 20. 16.

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CHAPTER XVII.

¹ Under the parable of two eagles and a vine,
¹¹ is shewed God's judgment upon Jerusalem for revolting from Babylon to Egypt.
²² God promiseth to plant the cedar of the gospel.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

² Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel;

³ And say, Thus saith the Lord God; "A great eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, which had ² divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and ^b took the highest branch of the cedar:

⁴ He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick; he set it in a city of merchants.

⁵ He took also of the seed of the land, and ³ planted it in ^c a fruitful field; he placed *it* by great waters, and set it ^d as a willow tree.

⁶ And it grew, and became a spreading vine ^e of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

⁷ There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, ^f this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

⁸ It was planted in a good ⁴ soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

⁹ Say thou, Thus saith the Lord God; Shall it prosper? ⁵ shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof.

¹⁰ Yea, behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper? ^h shall it not ut-

terly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

¹¹ ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

¹² Say now to ⁱ the rebellious house, Know ye not what these *things mean?* tell *them*, Behold, ^k the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;

¹³ ¹ And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, ^m and hath ² taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:

¹⁴ That the kingdom might be ⁿ base, that it might not lift itself up, ³ but that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.

¹⁵ But ^o he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, ^p that they might give him horses and much people. ^q Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such *things?* or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?

¹⁶ As I live, saith the Lord God, surely ^r in the place *where* the king *dwelleth* that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, *even* with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.

¹⁷ Neither shall Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company make for him in the war, ^t by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons:

¹⁸ Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had ^u given his hand, and hath done all these *things*, he shall not escape.

¹⁹ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.

²⁰ And I will ^x spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him

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12. 9.^k 2 Kin. 24. 11,
—16. ver. 3.¹ 2 Kin. 24. 17.^m 2 Chron. 36.
13.ⁿ Heb. brought
him to an
oath.ⁿ ver. 6.
ch. 29. 14.³ Heb. to keep
his covenant,
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2 Chron. 36. 13.^p Deut. 17. 16.
Isai. 31. 1, 3.
& 36. 6, 9.^q ver. 9.^r Jer. 32. 5. &
34. 3. & 52. 11.
ch. 12. 13.^s Jer. 37. 7.^t Jer. 52. 4.
ch. 4. 2.^u 1 Chron. 29.
24. Lam. 5. 6.^x ch. 12. 13.
& 32. 3.^a See ver. 12,
&c.^b Heb. embroi-
dering.
^b 2 Kin. 24. 12.^c Heb. put it in
a field of seed.
^c Deut. 8. 7, 8, 9.
^d Isai. 44. 4.^e ver. 14.^f ver. 15.⁴ Heb. field.⁵ 2 Kin. 25. 7.^h ch. 19. 12.
Hos. 13. 15.

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^f ch. 20. 36.
^g ch. 12. 14.

^a Isai. 11. 1.
Jer. 23. 5.
Zech. 3. 8.
^b Isai. 53. 2.
^c Ps. 2. 6.

^d Isai. 2. 2, 3.
ch. 20. 40.
Mic. 4. 1.

^e See ch. 31. 6.
Dan. 4. 12.

^f Luke 1. 52.

^g ch. 22. 14.
& 24. 14.

to Babylon, and ^v will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.

21 And ^a all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it*.

22 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God; I will also take of the highest ^a branch of the high cedar, and will set *it*; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs ^b a tender one, and will ^c plant *it* upon an high mountain and eminent:

23 ^d In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant *it*: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and ^e under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD ^f have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: ^g I the LORD have spoken and have done *it*.

CHAPTER XVIII.

1 God reproveth the unjust parable of sour grapes. 5 He sheweth how he dealeth with a just father: 10 with a wicked son of a just father: 14 with a just son of a wicked father: 19 with a wicked man repenting: 24 with a just man revolting. 25 He defendeth his justice, 31 and exhorteth to repentance.

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THE word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The ^a fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

3 *As* I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel.

4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: ^b the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

^a Jer. 31. 29.
Lam. 5. 7.

^b ver. 20.
Rom. 6. 23.

5 ¶ But if a man be just, and do ² that which is lawful and right,

6 *And* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath ^d defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to ^e a menstruous woman,

7 And hath not ^f oppressed any, *but* hath restored to the debtor his ^g pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath ^h given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

8 He *that* hath not given forth upon ⁱ usury, neither hath taken any increase, *that* hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, ^k hath executed true judgment between man and man,

9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he *is* just, he shall surely ^l live, saith the Lord God.

10 ¶ If he beget a son *that is* a ³ robber, ^m a shedder of blood, and ⁴ *that* doeth the like to *any* one of these *things*,

11 And that doeth not any of those *duties*, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife,

12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath ⁿ committed abomination,

13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; ^o his ⁵ blood shall be upon him.

14 ¶ Now, lo, *if* he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like,

15 ^p *That* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife,)

16 Neither hath oppressed any, ^q hath not withholden the pledge,

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^a Heb. *judgment and justice*.

^c ch. 22. 9.

^d Lev. 18. 20.
& 20. 10.

^e Lev. 18. 19.
& 20. 18.

^f Ex. 22. 21.
Lev. 19. 15.
& 25. 14.

^g Ex. 22. 26.
Deut. 24. 12,
13.

^h Deut. 15. 7, 8.
Isai. 58. 7.
Matt. 25. 35,
36.

ⁱ Ex. 22. 25.
Lev. 25. 36, 37.
Deut. 23. 19.
Neh. 5. 7.
Ps. 15. 5.

^k Deut. 1. 16.
Zech. 8. 16.

^l ch. 20. 11.
Amos 5. 4.

^m Or, *breaker up of an house*.

ⁿ Gen. 9. 6.
Ex. 21. 12.
Num. 35. 31.

^o Or, *that doeth to his brother besides any of these*.

^p ch. 8. 6, 17.

^q Lev. 20. 9, 11,
12, 13, 16, 27.
ch. 3. 18. &
33. 4.
Acts 18. 6.

^r Heb. *bloods*.

^s ver. 6, &c.

^t Heb. *hath not pledged the pledge, or, taken to pledge*.

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neither hath spoiled by violence, *but* hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

17 *That* hath taken off his hand from the poor, *that* hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18 *As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did *that* which *is* not good among his people, lo, even ^ahe shall die in his iniquity.

19 ¶ Yet say ye, Why? ^rdoth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, *and* hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

20 ^sThe soul that sinneth, it shall die. ^tThe son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: ^uthe righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, ^xand the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21 But ^yif the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

22 ^zAll his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

23 ^aHave I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: *and* not that he should return from his ways, and live?

24 ¶ But ^bwhen the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, *and* doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* doeth, shall he live? ^cAll his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned:

in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

25 ¶ Yet ye say, ^dThe way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

26 ^eWhen a righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

27 Again, ^fwhen the wicked *man* turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

28 Because he ^gconsidereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

29 ^hYet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

30 ⁱTherefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. ^kRepent, and turn ^l*yourselves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 ¶ ^lCast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a ^mnew heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

32 For ⁿI have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn ^o*yourselves*, and live ye.

CHAPTER XIX.

¹ *A lamentation for the princes of Israel, under the parable of lions' whelps taken in a pit, 10 and for Jerusalem, under the parable of a wasted vine.*

MOREOVER ^atake thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

2 And say, What *is* thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions.

BEFORE
CHRIST
594.^d ver. 29.
ch. 33. 17, 20.^o ver. 24.^f ver. 21.^g ver. 14.^h ver. 25.ⁱ ch. 7. 3.
& 33. 20.^k Matt. 3. 2.
Rev. 2. 5.
^l Or, others.^l Eph. 4. 22, 23.^m Jer. 32. 39.
ch. 11. 19.
& 36. 26.ⁿ Lam. 3. 33.
ver. 23.
ch. 33. 11.
2 Pet. 3. 9.^o Or, others.

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^a ch. 26. 17.
& 27. 2.^a ch. 3. 18.^r Ex. 20. 5.
Deut. 5. 9.
² Kin. 23. 26.
& 24. 3, 4.^s ver. 4.^t Deut. 24. 16.
² Kin. 14. 6.
² Chron. 25. 4.
Jer. 31. 29, 30.^u Isai. 3. 10, 11.^x Rom. 2. 9.^y ver. 27.
ch. 33. 12, 19.^z ch. 33. 16.^a ver. 32.
ch. 33. 11.
1 Tim. 2. 4.
2 Pet. 3. 9.^b ch. 3. 20. &
33. 12, 13, 18.^c 2 Pet. 2. 20.

BEFORE
CHRIST
594.^b 2 Kin. 23. 31,
32. ver. 6.^e 2 Kin. 23. 33.
2 Chron. 36. 4.
Jer. 22. 11, 12.^d 2 Kin. 23. 34.^e Jer. 22. 13,
—17.
^f ver. 3.^g Or, *their*
widows.^g 2 Kin. 24. 2.^h ver. 4.ⁱ 2 Chron. 36. 6.
Jer. 22. 18.^j Or, *in hooks.*^k ch. 6. 2.^l ch. 17. 6.^m Or, *in thy*
quietness, or,
in thy like-
*ness.*ⁿ Deut. 8. 7, 8, 9.^o So ch. 31. 3.
Dan. 4. 11.^p ch. 17. 10.
Hos. 13. 15.^q Judg. 9. 15.
2 Kin. 24. 20.
ch. 17. 18.

3 And she brought up one of her whelps: ^bit became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.

4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of ^eEgypt.

5 Now when she saw that she had waited, *and* her hope was lost, then she took ^danother of her whelps, *and* made him a young lion.

6 ^eAnd he went up and down among the lions, ^fhe became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, *and* devoured men.

7 And he knew ^gtheir desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring.

8 ^hThen the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: ⁱhe was taken in their pit.

9 ^jAnd they put him in ward ^kin chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon ^kthe mountains of Israel.

10 ^lThy mother *is* ^mlike a vine ⁿin thy blood, planted by the waters: she was ⁿfruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.

11 And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and her ^ostature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

12 But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the ^peast wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.

13 And now she *is* planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

14 ^qAnd fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, *which* hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath

no strong rod *to be* a sceptre to rule. ^aThis *is* a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

CHAPTER XX.

¹ God refuseth to be consulted by the elders of Israel. ⁵ He sheweth the story of their rebellions in Egypt, ¹⁰ in the wilderness, ²⁷ and in the land. ³³ He promiseth to gather them by the gospel. ⁴⁵ Under the name of a forest he sheweth the destruction of Jerusalem.

AND it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, *that* ^acertain of the elders of Israel came to enquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

2 Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Are ye come to enquire of me? *As* I live, saith the Lord God, ^bI will not be enquired of by you.

4 Wilt thou ^cjudge them, son of man, wilt thou judge *them*? ^dcause them to know the abominations of their fathers:

5 ¶ And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; In the day when ^eI chose Israel, and ^flifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself ^fknown unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, ^g*I am* the LORD your God;

6 In the day *that* I lifted up mine hand unto them, ^hto bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, ⁱwhich *is* the glory of all lands:

7 Then said I unto them, ^kCast ye away every man ^lthe abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with ^mthe idols of Egypt: *I am* the LORD your God.

8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of

BEFORE
CHRIST
594.^u Lam. 4. 20.

cir. 593.

^v ch. 8. 1.
& 14. 1.^w ch. 14. 3.
ver. 31.^x Or, *plead*
for them.^y ch. 22. 2.
& 23. 36.
^z ch. 16. 2.^{aa} Ex. 6. 7.
Deut. 7. 6.^{ab} Or, *swore*:
and so ver. 6,
&c. Ex. 6. 8.^{ac} Ex. 3. 8. &
4. 31.
Deut. 4. 34.^{ad} Ex. 20. 2.^{ae} Ex. 3. 8, 17.
Deut. 8. 7, 8, 9.
Jer. 32. 22.^{af} Ps. 48. 2.
ver. 15.^{ag} Dan. 8. 9.
& 11. 16, 41.
Zech. 7. 14.^{ah} ch. 18. 31.^{ai} 2 Chron. 15. 8.^{aj} Lev. 17. 7.
& 18. 3.
Deut. 29. 16,
17, 18.
Josh. 24. 14.

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CHRIST
cir. 593.

ⁿ ch. 7. 8.
ver. 13, 21.
^o See Ex. 32. 12.
Num. 14. 13,
&c.
Deut. 9. 28.
ver. 14, 22.
ch. 36. 21, 22.

^v Ex. 13. 18.

^u Deut. 4. 8.
Neh. 9. 13, 14.
Ps. 147. 19, 20.

^z Heb. *made them to know.*

^r Lev. 18. 5.
ver. 13, 21.
Rom. 10. 5.
Gal. 3. 12.

^s Ex. 20. 8.
& 31. 13, &c.
& 35. 2.
Deut. 5. 12.
Neh. 9. 14.

^t Num. 14. 22.
Ps. 78. 40. &
95. 8, 9, 10.

^u Prov. 1. 25.
ver. 16, 24.

^x Ex. 16. 27.

^y Num. 14. 29.
& 26. 65.
Ps. 106. 23.
^{*} ver. 9, 22.

^a Num. 14. 28.
Ps. 95. 11. &
106. 26.

^b ver. 6.

^c ver. 13, 24.

^d Num. 15. 39.
Ps. 78. 37.
Amos 5. 25, 26.
Acts 7. 42, 43.
^e Ps. 78. 38.

Egypt: then I said, I will ⁿpour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 ^o But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they *were*, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

10 ¶ Wherefore I ^pcaused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

11 ^q And I gave them my statutes, and ^rshewed them my judgments, ^rwhich *if* a man do, he shall even live in them.

12 Moreover also I gave them my ^ssabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctify them.

13 But the house of Israel ^trebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they ^udespised my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly ^xpolluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the ^ywilderness, to consume them.

14 ^z But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

15 Yet also ^aI lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, ^bwhich *is* the glory of all lands;

16 ^c Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for ^dtheir heart went after their idols.

17 ^e Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 But I said unto their children

in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

19 I *am* the LORD your God; ^fwalk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;

20 ^g And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God.

21 Notwithstanding ^hthe children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, ⁱwhich *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, ^kI would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 ^l Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and ^mwrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

23 I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that ⁿI would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries;

24 ^o Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and ^ptheir eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25 Wherefore ^qI gave them also statutes *that were* not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass ^rthrough *the fire* all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they ^smight know that I *am* the LORD.

27 ¶ Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Yet in this your fathers have ^tblasphemed me, in that they have ^ucommitted a trespass against me.

28 *For* when I had brought them into the land, *for* the which I lifted

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CHRIST
cir. 593.

^f Deut. 5. 32, 33.
& 6, & 7, & 8,
& 10, & 11,
& 12.

^g Jer. 17. 22.
ver. 12.

^h Num. 25. 1, 2.
Deut. 9. 23, 24.
& 31. 27.

ⁱ ver. 11, 13.

^k ver. 8, 13.

^l Ps. 78. 38.
ver. 17.
^m ver. 9, 14.

ⁿ Lev. 26. 33.
Deut. 28. 64.
Ps. 106. 27.
Jer. 15. 4.

^o ver. 13, 16.

^p See ch. 6. 9.

^q See Ps. 81. 12.
ver. 39.
Rom. 1. 24.
2 Thess. 2. 11.

^r 2 Kin. 17. 17.
& 21. 6.
2 Chron. 28. 3.
& 33. 6.
Jer. 32. 35.
ch. 16. 20, 21.
^s ch. 6. 7.

^t Rom. 2. 24.

^u Heb.
trespassed a trespass.

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CHRIST
cir. 593.

^a Isai. 57. 5, &c.
ch. 6. 13.

^a ch. 16. 19.

^a Or, I told
them what
the high
place was, or,
Bamah.

^a ver. 26.

^a ver. 3.

^a ch. 11. 5.

^b Jer. 21. 5.

^c Jer. 2. 9, 35.
ch. 17. 20.
^d See Num.
14. 21, 22,
23, 28, 29.

^e Lev. 27. 32.
Jer. 33. 13.

^a Or, a deli-
vering.

^f ch. 34. 17, 20.
Matt. 25. 32,
33.

up mine hand to give it to them, then ^athey saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their ^asweet savour, and poured out there their drink offerings.

29 Then ^aI said unto them, What *is* the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.

30 Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?

31 For when ye offer ^ayour gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and ^ashall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? *As* I live, saith the Lord God, I will not be enquired of by you.

32 And that ^awhich cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

33 ¶ *As* I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and ^bwith a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there ^cwill I plead with you face to face.

36 ^dLike as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God.

37 And I will cause you to ^epass under the rod, and I will bring you into ^fthe bond of the covenant:

38 And ^fI will purge out from among you the rebels, and them

that transgress against me: I will bring them fo. ^h out of the country where they sojourn, and ^athey shall not enter into the land of Israel: ^band ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord God; ⁱGo ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me: ^kbut pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

40 For ⁱin mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there ^mwill I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the ²first-fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

41 I will accept you with your ³^asweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.

42 ^oAnd ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, ^pwhen I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country *for* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And ^athere shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ^rye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

44 ^aAnd ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have wrought with you ^tfor my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

45 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

46 ^uSon of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop *thy word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;

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CHRIST
cir. 593.

^k Jer. 44. 14.

^b ch. 6. 7. &
15. 7. & 23. 49.

ⁱ Judg. 10. 14.
Ps. 81. 12.
Amos 4. 4.

^k Isai. 1. 13.
ch. 23. 38, 39.

ⁱ Isai. 2. 2, 3.
ch. 17. 23.
Mic. 4. 1.

^m Isai. 56. 7.
& 60. 7.
Zech. 8. 20, &c.
Mal. 3. 4.
Rom. 12. 1.
^a Or, chief.

^a Heb. *savour*
of rest.
ⁿ Eph. 5. 2.
Phil. 4. 18.

^o ver. 38, 44.
ch. 36. 23.
& 38. 23.
^p ch. 11. 17.
& 34. 13. &
36. 24.

^q ch. 16. 61.

^r Lev. 26. 39.
ch. 6. 9.
Hos. 5. 15.

^a ver. 38.
ch. 24. 24.

^t ch. 36. 22.

^u ch. 6. 2.
& 21. 2.

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cir. 593.^{*} Jer. 21. 14.[†] Luke 23. 31.^{*} ch. 21. 4.

47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, ^{*}I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour [†]every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces ^{*}from the south to the north shall be burned therein.

48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

49 Then said I, Ah Lord God! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

CHAPTER XXI.

¹ Ezekiel prophesieth against Jerusalem with a sign of sighing. ⁸ The sharp and bright sword, ¹⁸ against Jerusalem, ²⁵ against the kingdom, ²⁸ and against the Ammonites.

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AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

² Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and [†]drop *thy word* toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel,

³ And say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee [°]the righteous and the wicked.

⁴ Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh [†]from the south to the north:

⁵ That all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it [°]shall not return any more.

⁶ Sigh therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of *thy* loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.

⁷ And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and ^{*}all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees

² shall be weak *as* water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord God.

⁸ ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

⁹ Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, [†]A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished:

¹⁰ It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? ³it contemneth the rod of my son, *as* every tree.

¹¹ And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of [†]the slayer.

¹² Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be upon my people, it *shall* be upon all the pri[†]nces of Israel: [†]terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people: [†]smite therefore upon *thy* thigh.

¹³ [†]Because *it is* [†]a trial, and what if *the sword* condemn even the rod? [†]it shall be no *more*, saith the Lord God.

¹⁴ Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and [†]smite *thine* [†]hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it *is* the sword of the great *men that are* slain, which entereth into their [°]privy chambers.

¹⁵ I have set the [†]point of the sword against all their gates, that *their* heart may faint, and *their* ruins be multiplied: ah! [†]*it is* made bright, *it is* [†]wrapped up for the slaughter.

¹⁶ Go thee one way or other, *either* on the right hand, [†]*or* on the left, whithersoever thy face *is* set.

¹⁷ I will also [†]smite mine hands together, and [†]I will cause my fury to rest: I the LORD have said *it*.

¹⁸ ¶ The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

¹⁹ Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both twain shall come forth out of

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CHRIST
593.^{*} Heb. *shall go into water.*[†] Deut. 32. 41. ver. 15, 28.³ Or, *it is the rod of my son, it despiseth every tree.*[†] ver. 19.⁴ Or, *they are thrust down to the sword with my people.*[†] Jer. 31. 19.⁵ Or, *When the trial hath been, what then? shall they not also belong to the despising rod?*[†] Job 9. 23.² Cor. 8. 2.[†] ver. 27.[†] Num. 24. 10. ch. 6. 11. ver. 17.⁶ Heb. *hand to hand.*[†] 1 Kin. 20. 30. & 22. 25.⁷ Or, *glittering, or, fear.*[†] ver. 10, 28.⁸ Or, *sharpened.*[†] ch. 14. 17.⁹ Heb. *set thyself, take the left hand.*[†] ver. 14.

ch. 22. 13.

[†] ch. 5. 13.^{*} ch. 20. 46.[†] Deut. 32. 2. Amos 7. 16. Mic. 2. 6, 11.[°] Job 9. 22.[†] ch. 20. 47.[°] So Isai. 45. 23. & 55. 11.[†] Isai. 22. 4.^{*} ch. 7. 17.

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^t Jer. 49. 2.
ch. 25. 5.
Amos 1. 14.

^a Heb. *mother of the way.*

^a Or, *knives.*

⁴ Heb. *teraphim.*

⁵ Or, *battering rams*, ch. 4. 2.

⁶ Heb. *rams.*

^u Jer. 51. 14.

^x ch. 4. 2.

⁷ Or, *for the oaths made unto them.*
⁷ ch. 17. 13, 15, 16, 18.

^a 2 Chron. 36.
13. Jer. 52. 2.
ch. 17. 19.
^a ver. 29.
ch. 35. 5.

^b ch. 17. 24.
Luke 1. 52.

⁶ Heb. *Perverted, perverted, perverted, will I make it.*

⁶ Gen. 49. 10.
vor. 13.
Luke 1. 32, 33.
John 1. 49.

^d Jer. 49. 1.
ch. 25. 2, 3, 6.
Zeph. 2. 8, 9, 10.

^e ver. 9, 10.

^r ch. 12. 24.
& 22. 28.

one land: and choose thou a place, choose *it* at the head of the way to the city.

20 Appoint a way, that the sword may come to ^tRabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defenced.

21 For the king of Babylon stood at the ²parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made *his* ³arrows bright, he consulted with ⁴images, he looked in the liver.

22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint ⁵captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to ^ulift up the voice with shouting, ^xto appoint *battering* rams against the gates, to cast a mount, *and* to build a fort.

23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, ⁷to them that ^yhave sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, *I say*, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.

25 ¶ And thou, ^aprofane wicked prince of Israel, ^awhose day is come, when iniquity *shall have* an end,

26 Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this *shall not be* the same: ^bexalt *him that is* low, and abase *him that is* high.

27 ⁸I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: ^cand it shall be no *more*, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it *him*.

28 ¶ And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God ^dconcerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, ^eThe sword, the sword *is* drawn: for the slaughter *it is* furnished, to consume because of the glittering:

29 Whiles they ^fsee vanity unto

thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of *them that are* slain, of the wicked, ^awhose day is come, when their iniquity *shall have* an end.

30 ²^h Shall I cause *it* to return into his sheath? ⁱI will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, ^kin the land of thy nativity.

31 And I will ^lpour out mine indignation upon thee, I will ^mblow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of ³brutish men, *and* skilful to destroy.

32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; ⁿthou shalt be no *more* remembered: for I the Lord have spoken *it*.

CHAPTER XXII.

1 *A catalogue of sins in Jerusalem.* 13 *God will burn them as dross in his furnace.* 23 *The general corruption of prophets, priests, princes, and people.*

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Now, thou son of man, ^awilt thou ⁴judge, wilt thou judge ^bthe ⁵bloody city? yea, thou shalt ⁶shew her all her abominations.

3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord God, The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself.

4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast ^cshed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come *even* unto thy years: ^dtherefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.

5 *Those that be* near, and *those that be* far from thee, shall mock thee, *which art* ⁷infamous *and* much vexed.

6 Behold, ^ethe princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their ⁸power to shed blood.

7 In thee have they ^fset light by

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CHRIST
593.

^a ver. 25.
Job 18. 20.
Ps. 37. 13.

^a Or, *Cause it to return.*

^h Jer. 47. 6, 7.

ⁱ Gen. 15. 14.
ch. 16. 38.

^k ch. 16. 3.

^l ch. 7. 8. &
14. 19. & 22. 22.

^m ch. 22. 20, 21.

^a Or, *burning.*

ⁿ ch. 25. 10.

593.

^a ch. 20. 4.
& 23. 36.

⁴ Or, *plead for.*

^b ch. 24. 6, 9.
Nah. 3. 1.

⁵ Heb. *city of bloods?*

⁶ Heb. *make her know*,
ch. 16. 2.

^c 2 Kin. 21. 16.

^d Deut. 28. 37.
1 Kin. 9. 7.
ch. 5. 14.
Dan. 9. 16.

⁷ Heb. *polluted of name, much in vexation.*

^e Isai. 1. 23.
Mic. 3. 1, 2, 3.
Zeph. 3. 3.

⁸ Heb. *arm.*

^f Deut. 27. 16.

BEFORE CHRIST 593.	father and mother: in the midst of thee have they ^a dealt by ² oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.	19 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.	BEFORE CHRIST 593.
^a Ex. 22. 21, 22. ^a Or, <i>deceit</i> .	⁸ Thou hast ^b despised mine holy things, and hast ⁱ profaned my sabbaths.	20 ² As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather <i>you</i> in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave <i>you there</i> , and melt you.	^a Heb. According to the gathering.
^b ver. 26.	9 In thee are ^{3k} men that carry tales to shed blood: ¹ and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness.	21 Yea, I will gather you, and ^d blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.	^d ch. 22. 20, 21, 22.
ⁱ Lev. 19. 30. ch. 23. 38.	10 In thee have they ^m discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was ⁿ set apart for pollution.	22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have ^e poured out my fury upon you.	^e ch. 20. 8, 33. ver. 31.
^a Heb. <i>men of slanders</i> .	11 And ⁴ one hath committed abomination ^u with his neighbour's wife; and ⁵ another ^v hath ⁶ lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his ^q sister, his father's daughter.	23 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,	^f Hos. 6. 9.
^k Ex. 23. 1. Lev. 19. 16.	12 In thee ^r have they taken gifts to shed blood; ^s thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and ^t hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God.	24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou <i>art</i> the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.	^g Matt. 23. 14. ^h Mic. 3. 11. Zeph. 3. 3, 4.
^l ch. 18. 6, 11.	13 ¶ Behold, therefore I have ^u smit-ten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.	25 ^f There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they ^g have devoured souls; ^h they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.	ⁱ Mal. 2. 8. ^j Heb. <i>offered violence to</i> .
^m Lev. 18. 7, 8. & 20. 11. 1 Cor. 5. 1.	14 ^x Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? ^y I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.	26 ⁱ Her priests have ³ violated my law, and have ^k profaned mine holy things: they have put no ^l difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed <i>difference</i> between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.	^k Lev. 22. 2, &c. 1 Sam. 2. 29. ^l Lev. 10. 10. Jer. 15. 19. ch. 44. 23.
ⁿ Lev. 18. 19. & 20. 18. ch. 18. 6.	15 And ^z I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and ^a will consume thy filthiness out of thee.	27 Her ^m princes in the midst thereof <i>are</i> like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, <i>and</i> to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.	^m Isai. 1. 23. ch. 22. 6. Mic. 3. 2, 3, 9, 10, 11. Zeph. 3. 3.
^a Or, <i>every one</i> .	16 And thou ⁷ shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and ^b thou shalt know that I <i>am</i> the LORD.	28 And ⁿ her prophets have daubed them with untempered <i>morter</i> , ^o seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the LORD hath not spoken.	ⁿ ch. 13. 10. ^o ch. 13. 6, 7. & 21. 29.
^a Lev. 18. 20. & 20. 10. Dout. 22. 22. Jer. 5. 8. ch. 18. 11.	17 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,		
^a Or, <i>every one</i> .	18 Son of man, ^o the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they <i>are</i> brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are <i>even</i> the ⁸ dross of silver.		
^p Lev. 18. 15. & 20. 12.			
^a Or, <i>by lewdness</i> .			
^q Lev. 18. 9. & 20. 17.			
^r Ex. 23. 8. Dout. 16. 19. & 27. 25.			
^a Ex. 22. 25. Lev. 25. 36. Dout. 23. 19. ch. 18. 13.			
ⁱ Dout. 32. 18. Jer. 3. 21. ch. 23. 35.			
^u ch. 21. 17.			
^a See ch. 21. 7.			
^y ch. 17. 24.			
^a Dout. 4. 27. & 28. 25, 64. ch. 12. 14, 15.			
^a ch. 23. 27, 48.			
^r Or, <i>shalt be profaned</i> .			
^b Ps. 9. 16. ch. 6. 7.			
^c Isai. 1. 22. Jer. 6. 28, &c. See Ps. 119. 119.			
^a Heb. <i>drosses</i> .			

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593.^p Jer. 5. 26, 27, 28.

ch. 18. 12.

^q Or, *deceit*.^r Ex. 22. 21.

& 23. 9.

Lev. 19. 33.

ch. 22. 7.

^s Heb. *without right*.^t Jer. 5. 1.^u ch. 13. 5.^v Ps. 106. 23.^w ver. 22.^x ch. 9. 10.

& 11. 21. &

16. 43.

29 ^pThe people of the land have used ^qoppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have ^roppressed the stranger ^swrongfully.

30 ^tAnd I sought for a man among them, that should ^umake up the hedge, and ^vstand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

31 Therefore have I ^wpoured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: ^xtheir own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XXIII.

1 *The whoredoms of Aholah and Aholibah.* 22
Aholibah is to be plagued by her lovers. 36
The prophet reproveth the adulteries of them both, 45 and sheweth their judgments.

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THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, there were ^atwo women, the daughters of one mother:

3 And ^bthey committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in ^ctheir youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.

4 And the names of them *were* Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and ^dthey were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus *were* their names; Samaria *is* ^eAholah, and Jerusalem ^fAholibah.

5 And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on ^gthe Assyrians *her* neighbours,

6 *Which were* clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.

7 Thus she ^hcommitted her whoredoms with them, with all them *that were* ⁱthe chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she defiled herself.

8 Neither left she her whoredoms brought ^jfrom Egypt: for in her

youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her.

9 Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the ^kAssyrians, upon whom she doted.

10 These ^ldiscovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword: and she became ^mfamous among women; for they had executed judgment upon her.

11 And ⁿwhen her sister Aholibah saw *this*, ^oshe was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms ^pmore than her sister in *her* whoredoms.

12 She doted upon the ^qAssyrians *her* neighbours, ^rcaptains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 Then I saw that she was defiled, *that they took* both one way,

14 And *that* she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion,

15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity:

16 ^sAnd ^tas soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.

17 And the ^uBabylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and ^vher mind was ^walienated from them.

18 So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness: then ^xmy mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister.

19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance

BEFORE
CHRIST
593.^q 2 Kin. 17. 3, 4, 5, 6, 23. &

18. 9, 10, 11.

^r ch. 16. 37, 41.^s Heb. *a name*.^t Jer. 3. 8.^u Jer. 3. 11.

ch. 16. 47, 51.

^v Heb. *she corrupted her inordinate love more than, &c.*^w Heb. *more than the whoredoms of her sister.*^x 2 Kin. 16. 7, 10. 2 Chron. 28. 16,—23.

ch. 16. 28.

^y ver. 6, 23.^z 2 Kin. 24. 1. ch. 16. 29.^{aa} Heb. *at the sight of her eyes.*^{ab} Heb. *children of Babel.*^{ac} ver. 22, 28.^{ad} Heb. *loosed, or, disjoined.*^{ae} Jer. 6. 8.^b Heb. *bestowed her whoredoms upon them.*^c Heb. *the choice of the children of Ashur.*^f ver. 3.

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593.^a ver. 3.^r ch. 16. 26.

the days of her youth, ^awherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 For she doted upon their paramours, ^rwhose flesh *is as* the flesh of asses, and whose issue *is like* the issue of horses.

21 Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of thy youth.

22 ¶ Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord God; ^aBehold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side;

23 The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, ^tPekod, and Shoa, and Koa, *and* all the Assyrians with them: ^aall of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses.

24 And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, *which* shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments.

25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire.

26 ^aThey shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy ^afair jewels.

27 Thus ^vwill I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and ^athy whoredom *brought* from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

28 For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand *of them* ^awhom thou hatest, into the hand *of them* ^bfrom whom thy mind is alienated:

^a ch. 16. 39.^a Heb. *instruments of thy decking.*^v ch. 16. 41. & 22. 15.^a ver. 3, 19.^a ch. 16. 37.^b ver. 17.

29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour, and ^cshall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

30 I will do these *things* unto thee, because thou hast ^dgone a whoring after the heathen, *and* because thou art polluted with their idols.

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her ^ecup into thine hand.

32 Thus saith the Lord God; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: ^fthou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria.

34 Thou shalt ^geven drink it and suck *it* out, and thou shalt break the sherds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God.

35 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou ^hhast forgotten me, and ⁱcast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

36 ¶ The LORD said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou ^kjudge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, ^ldeclare unto them their abominations;

37 That they have committed adultery, and ^mblood *is* in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, ⁿwhom they bare unto me, to pass for them through *the fire*, to devour *them*.

38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and ^ohave profaned my sabbaths.

39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, ^pthus

BEFORE
CHRIST
593.^o ch. 16. 39.
ver. 26.^d ch. 6. 9.^e Jer. 25. 15, &c.^f ch. 22. 4, 5.^g Ps. 75. 8.
Isai. 51. 17.^h Jer. 2. 32. & 3. 21. & 13. 25.
ch. 22. 12.ⁱ 1 Kin. 14. 9.
Neh. 9. 26.^k ch. 20. 4. & 22. 2.^l Or, *plead for.*^l Isai. 58. 1.^m ch. 16. 38.
ver. 45.ⁿ ch. 16. 20, 21, 36, 45. & 20. 26, 31.^o ch. 22. 8.^p 2 Kin. 23. 4.

BEFORE
CHRIST
593.^a Heb. *coming*.^a Isai. 57. 9.^r Ruth 3. 3.^a 2 Kin. 9. 30.
Jer. 4. 30.^a Heb. *honourable*.^b Esth. 1. 6.
Isai. 57. 7.
Amos 2. 8.
& 6. 4.^u Prov. 7. 17.
ch. 16. 18, 19.
Hos. 2. 8.^a Heb. *of the multitude of men*.^b Or, *drunkards*.^a Heb. *her whoredoms*.^x ch. 16. 38.^r ver. 37.^a ch. 16. 40.^r Heb. *for a removing and spoil*.^a ch. 16. 40.^b Or, *single them out*.^b 2 Chron. 36.
17. 19.
ch. 24. 21.^a ch. 22. 15.
ver. 27.^d Deut. 13. 11.
2 Pet. 2. 6.^a ver. 35.^r ch. 20. 38, 42,
44. & 25. 5.

have they done in the midst of mine house.

40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men ²to come from far, ^aunto whom a messenger *was* sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst ^rwash thyself, ^apaintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,

41 And satest upon a ³stately ^tbed, and a table prepared before it, ^uwhereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil.

42 And a voice of a multitude being at ease *was* with her: and with the men ⁴of the common sort *were* brought ⁵Sabeans from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

43 Then said I unto *her that was* old in adulteries, Will they now commit ⁶whoredoms with her, and she *with them*?

44 Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women.

45 ¶ And the righteous men, they shall ^xjudge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they *are* adulteresses, and ^yblood *is* in their hands.

46 For thus saith the Lord God; ^zI will bring up a company upon them, and will give them ⁷to be removed and spoiled.

47 ^aAnd the company shall stone them with stones, and ⁸dispatch them with their swords; ^bthey shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

48 Thus ^cwill I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, ^dthat all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall ^ebear the sins of your idols: ^fand ye shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

CHAPTER XXIV.

¹ Under the parable of a boiling pot, ⁶ is shewed the irrevocable destruction of Jerusalem.

¹⁵ By the sign of Ezekiel not mourning for the death of his wife, ¹⁹ is shewed the calamity of the Jews to be beyond all sorrow.

AGAIN in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

² Son of man, write thee the name of the day, *even* of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem ^athis same day.

³ ^bAnd utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; ^cSet on a pot, set *it* on, and also pour water into it:

⁴ Gather the pieces thereof into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill *it* with the choice bones.

⁵ Take the choice of the flock, and ²burn also the bones under it, *and* make it boil well, and let them seethe the bones of it therein.

⁶ ¶ Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Woe to ^dthe bloody city, to the pot whose scum *is* therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no ^elot fall upon it.

⁷ For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; ^fshe poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust;

⁸ That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; ^gI have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

⁹ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; ^hWoe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great.

¹⁰ Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

¹¹ Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* ⁱthe filthiness of it may be molten in it, *that* the scum of it may be consumed.

BEFORE
CHRIST
590.^a 2 Kin. 25. 1.
Jer. 39. 1. &
52. 4.^b ch. 17. 12.^c See Jer. 1. 13.
ch. 11. 3.^d Or, *heap*.^d ch. 22. 3. &
23. 37. ver. 9.^e See 2 Sam.
8. 2.
Joel 3. 3.
Obad. 11.
Nah. 3. 10.
^f Lev. 17. 13.
Deut. 12. 16,
24.^g Matt. 7. 2.^h ver. 6.
Nah. 3. 1.
Hab. 2. 12.ⁱ ch. 22. 15.

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CHRIST
590.

12 She hath wearied *herself* with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum *shall be* in the fire.

18 In thy filthiness *is* lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, ^ktill I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

14 ^lI the LORD have spoken *it*: it shall come to pass, and I will do *it*; I will not go back, ^mneither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord God.

15 ¶ Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears ²run down.

17 ³Forbear to cry, ⁿmake no mourning for the dead, ^obind the tire of thine head upon thee, and ^pput on thy shoes upon thy feet, and ^qcover not *thy* ⁴lips, and eat not the bread of men.

18 So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19 ¶ And the people said unto me, ^rWilt thou not tell us what these *things are* to us, that thou doest *so*?

20 Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, ^sI will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, ^tthe desire of your eyes, and ^uthat which your soul pitieth; ^vand your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.

22 And ye shall do as I have done: ^xye shall not cover *your* lips, nor eat the bread of men.

23 And your tires *shall be* upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ^yye shall not mourn nor

weep; but ^zye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another.

24 Thus ^aEzekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: ^band when this cometh, ^cye shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

25 Also, thou son of man, *shall it not be* in the day when I take from them ^dtheir strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and ^ethat whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

26 *That* ^fhe that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause *thee* to hear *it* with *thine* ears?

27 ^gIn that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and ^hthou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER XXV.

¹ God's vengeance, for their insolency against the Jews, upon the Ammonites; ⁸ upon Moab and Seir; ¹² upon Edom, ¹⁵ and upon the Philistines.

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, ^aset thy face ^bagainst the Ammonites, and prophesy against them;

3 And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God; ^cBecause thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity;

4 Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the ³men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.

5 And I will make ^dRabbah ^ea stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couchingplace for flocks:

BEFORE
CHRIST
590.

^a Lev. 26. 39.
ch. 33. 10.

^b Isai. 20. 3.
ch. 4. 3. &
12. 6, 11.

^c Jer. 17. 15.
John 13. 19.
& 14. 29.

^d ch. 6. 7. &
25. 5.

^e ver. 21.

^f Heb. *the lifting up of their soul.*

^g ch. 33. 21, 22.

^h ch. 3. 26, 27.
& 29. 21. &
33. 22.

ⁱ ver. 24.

590.

^a ch. 6. 2. &
35. 2.

^b Jer. 49. 1, &c.
ch. 21. 28.
Amos 1. 13.
Zeph. 2. 9.

^c Prov. 17. 5.
ch. 26. 2.

^d Heb. *children.*

^e ch. 21. 20.

^f Isai. 17. 2.
& 32. 14.
Zeph. 2. 14,
15.

^k ch. 5. 13.
& 8. 18. &
16. 42.

^l 1 Sam. 15. 29.

^m ch. 5. 11.

ⁿ Heb. *go.*

^o Heb. *Be silent.*

^p Jer. 16. 5, 6, 7.

^q See Lev. 10. 6.
& 21. 10.

^r 2 Sam. 15. 30.

^s Mic. 3. 7.

^t Heb. *upper lip*: And so
ver. 22.
Lev. 13. 45.

^u ch. 12. 9. &
37. 18.

^v Jer. 7. 14.
ch. 7. 20, 21,
22.

^w Ps. 27. 4.

^x Heb. *the pity of your soul.*

^y ch. 23. 47.

^z Jer. 16. 6, 7.
ver. 17.

^a Job 27. 15.
Ps. 78. 64.

BEFORE
CHRIST
590.

^f ch. 24. 24.
& 26. 6. &
35. 9.
^g Job 27. 23.
Lam. 2. 15.
Zeph. 2. 15.
^h Heb. *hand*.
ⁱ Heb. *foot*.
^j ch. 36. 5.
Zeph. 2. 8, 10.
^k Heb. *soul*.
^l ch. 35. 3.
^m Or, *meat*.

ⁿ Isai. 15, & 16.
Jer. 48. 1, &c.
Amos 2. 1.
^o ch. 35. 2, 5,
12.

^p Heb. *shoulder of Moab*.

^q ver. 4.
^r Or, *against the children of Ammon*.

^s ch. 21. 32.

^t 2 Chron. 28.
17. Ps. 137. 7.
Jer. 49. 7, 8,
&c.
ch. 35. 2, &c.
Amos 1. 11.
Obad. 10, &c.
590.

^u Heb.
by revenging revengement.

^v Or, *they shall fall by the sword unto Dedan*.
^w See Isai.
11. 14.
Jer. 49. 2.

590.

^f and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

6 For thus saith the Lord God; Because thou ^g hast clapped *thine* ^h hands, and stamped with the ⁱ feet, and ^j rejoiced in ^k heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel;

7 Behold, therefore I will ^l stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for ^m a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

8 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God; Because that ⁿ Moab and ^o Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah *is* like unto all the heathen;

9 Therefore, behold, I will open the ^p side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim,

10 ^q Unto the men of the east ^r with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites ^s may not be remembered among the nations.

11 And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

12 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God; ^t Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah ^u by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and ^v they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14 And ^w I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord God.

15 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God;

^x Because ^y the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy *it* ^z for the old hatred;

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, ^a I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the ^b Cherethims, ^c and destroy the remnant of the ^d sea coast.

17 And I will ^e execute great ^f vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; ^g and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

CHAPTER XXVI.

1 *Tyrus, for insulting against Jerusalem, is threatened. 7 The power of Nebuchadrezzar against her. 15 The mourning and astonishment of the sea at her fall.*

AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, ^a because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, ^b Aha, she is broken *that was* the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, *now* she is laid waste:

3 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.

4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and ^c make her like the top of a rock.

5 It shall be *a place* for the spreading of nets ^d in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

6 And her daughters which *are* in the field shall be slain by the sword; ^e and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 ¶ For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon,

BEFORE
CHRIST
590.

^f Jer. 25. 20.
& 47. 1, &c.
Joel 3. 4, &c.
Amos 1. 6.
^g 2 Chron. 28.
18.
^h Or, *with perpetual hatred*.
ⁱ Zeph. 2. 4, &c.
^j 1 Sam. 30. 14.
^k Jer. 47. 4.
^l Or, *haven of the sea*.
^m ch. 5. 15.
ⁿ Heb.
vengeances.
^o Ps. 9. 16.

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^p Isai. 23.
Jer. 25. 22.
& 47. 4.
Amos 1. 9.
Zech. 9. 2.
^q ch. 25. 3.
& 36. 2.

^r ver. 14.

^s ch. 27. 32.

^t ch. 25. 5.

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.¹ Ezra 7. 12.
Dan. 2. 37.² ch. 21. 22.³ Or, pour out
the engine of
shot.⁴ Heb.
according to
the enterings
of a city
broken up.⁵ Heb. houses
of thy desire.⁶ Isai. 14. 11.
& 24. 8.
Jer. 7. 34. &
16. 9. & 25. 10.
⁷ Isai. 23. 16.
ch. 28. 13.
Rev. 18. 22.
⁸ ver. 4, 5.⁹ Jer. 49. 21.
ver. 18.
ch. 27. 28.
& 31. 16.¹⁰ Isai. 23. 8.
¹¹ Jonah 3. 6.¹² Heb.
tremblings.
¹³ Job 2. 13.

¹a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

⁸ He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall ²make a fort against thee, and ³cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.

⁹ And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.

¹⁰ By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, ³as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

¹¹ With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.

¹² And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy ⁴thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.

¹³ ^hAnd I will cause the noise of ⁱthy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.

¹⁴ And ^kI will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the Lord have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵ ¶ Thus saith the Lord God to Tyrus; Shall not the isles ¹shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee?

¹⁶ Then all the ^mprinces of the sea shall ⁿcome down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their brodered garments: they shall clothe themselves with ⁵trembling; ^othey shall sit upon

the ground, and ^pshall tremble at every moment, and ^qbe astonished at thee.

¹⁷ And they shall take up a ^rlamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, *that wast* inhabited ²of seafaring men, the renowned city, which wast ³strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror *to be* on all that haunt it!

¹⁸ Now shall ^tthe isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that *are* in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure.

¹⁹ For thus saith the Lord God; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee;

²⁰ When I shall bring thee down ^uwith them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory ^vin the land of the living;

²¹ ^yI will make thee ³a terror, and thou *shalt be* no more: ^zthough thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XXVII.

¹ The rich supply of Tyrus. ²⁶ The great and unrecoverable fall thereof.

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

² Now, thou son of man, ^atake up a lamentation for Tyrus;

³ And say unto Tyrus, ^bO thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, *which art* ^ca merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord God; O Tyrus, thou hast said, ^dI am ⁴of perfect beauty.

⁴ Thy borders *are* in the ⁵midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.

⁵ They have ⁶made all thy ship boards of fir trees of ⁷Senir: they

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.¹ ch. 32. 10.
² ch. 27. 35.
³ ch. 27. 32.
Rev. 18. 9.⁴ Heb. of the
seas.
⁵ Isai. 23. 4.⁶ ver. 15.⁷ ch. 32. 18, 24.⁸ ch. 32. 23, 26,
27, 32.⁹ ch. 27. 36.
& 28. 19.
¹⁰ Heb. terrors.
¹¹ Ps. 37. 36.¹² ch. 19. 1.
& 26. 17. &
28. 12. & 32. 2.
¹³ ch. 28. 2.¹⁴ Isai. 23. 3.¹⁵ ch. 28. 12.
¹⁶ Heb. perfect
of beauty.
¹⁷ Heb. heart.¹⁸ Heb. built.
¹⁹ Deut. 3. 9.

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.^a Or, *they have made thy hatches of ivory well trodden.*^b Heb. *the daughter.*
^c Jer. 2. 10.^d Or, *purple and scarlet.*^e 1 Kin. 5. 18.
Ps. 83. 7.^f Or, *stoppers of chinks.*^g Heb. *strengtheners.*^h Jer. 46. 9.
ch. 30. 5. &
38. 5.ⁱ ver. 3.^k Gen. 10. 4.
2 Chron. 20.
36.^l Gen. 10. 2.^m Rev. 18. 13.ⁿ Or, *merchandise.*^o Gen. 10. 3.
ch. 38. 6.^p Gen. 10. 7.^q Heb. *thy works.*

have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.

6 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars; ²³ the company of the Ashurites have made thy benches of ivory, brought out of ^f the isles of Chittim.

7 Fine linen with brodered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail; ⁴ blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was that which covered thee.

8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners: thy wise men, O Tyrus, that were in thee, were thy pilots.

9 The ancients of ^g Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy ⁵ ⁶ calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise.

10 They of Persia and of Lud and of ^h Phut were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness.

11 The men of Arvad with thine army were upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadims were in thy towers: they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made ⁱ thy beauty perfect.

12 ^k Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.

13 ^l Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy merchants: they traded ^m the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy ⁷ market.

14 They of the house of ⁿ Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules.

15 The men of ^o Dedan were thy merchants; many isles were the merchandise of thine hand: they brought thee for a present horns of ivory and ebony.

16 Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of ^p the wares of thy making: they occupied in thy fairs with emeralds, purple, and

brodered work, and fine linen, and coral, and ² agate.

17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy merchants: they traded in thy market ^p wheat of ^q Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and ^r ³ balm.

18 Damascus was thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool.

19 Dan also and Javan ⁴ going to and fro occupied in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.

20 ^u Dedan was thy merchant in ⁵ precious clothes for chariots.

21 Arabia, and all the princes of ^t Kedar, ⁶ they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these were they thy merchants.

22 The merchants of ^v Sheba and Raamah, they were thy merchants: they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

23 ^x Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of ^y Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad, were thy merchants.

24 These were thy merchants in ⁷ all sorts of things, in blue ⁸ clothes, and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.

25 ^z The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious ^a in the midst of the seas.

26 ¹ Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: ^b the east wind hath broken thee in the ⁹ midst of the seas.

27 Thy ^c riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, ² and in all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the ³ midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin.

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.^a Heb. *chrysoprass.*
^b 1 Kin. 5. 9, 11.
Ezra 3. 7.
Acts 12. 20.
^c Judg. 11. 33.
^d Jer. 8. 22.
^e Or, *rosin.*^f Or, *Meuzal.*^g Gen. 25. 3.^h Heb. *clothes of freedom.*ⁱ Gen. 25. 13.
Isai. 60. 7.^j Heb. *they were the merchants of thy hand.*^k Gen. 10. 7.
1 Kin. 10. 1, 2.
Ps. 72. 10, 15.
Isai. 60. 6.^l Gen. 11. 31.
2 Kin. 19. 12.
^m Gen. 25. 3.ⁿ Or, *excellent things.*^o Heb. *foldings.*^p Ps. 48. 7.
Isai. 2. 16.
& 23. 14.^q ver. 4.^r Ps. 48. 7.^s Heb. *heart.*^t Prov. 11. 4.
ver. 34.
Rev. 18. 9, &c.^u Or, *even with all.*^v Heb. *heart.*

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CHRIST
588.

^a Or, *waves*.
^d ch. 26. 15, 18.
^e Rev. 18. 17,
&c.

^f Job 2. 12.
Rev. 18. 19.
^g Esth. 4. 1, 3.
Jer. 6. 26.
^h Jer. 18. 6.
& 47. 5.
Mic. 1. 16.

ⁱ ch. 26. 17.
ver. 2.
^k Rev. 18. 18.

^l Rev. 18. 19.

^m ch. 26. 19.

ⁿ ver. 27.

^o ch. 26. 15, 16.

^p Jer. 18. 16.
^q ch. 26. 21.
^r Heb. *terrors*.
^s Heb. *shalt not be for ever*.

28 The ²suburbs ^dshall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.

29 And ^eall that handle the oar, the mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land;

30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall ^fcast up dust upon their heads, they ^gshall wallow themselves in the ashes:

31 And they shall ^hmake themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart *and* bitter wailing.

32 And in their wailing they shall ⁱtake up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, *saying*, ^kWhat city is like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?

33 ^lWhen thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise.

34 In the time *when* ^mthou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters ⁿthy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall.

35 ^oAll the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in *their* countenance.

36 The merchants among the people ^pshall hiss at thee; ^qthou shalt be ^ra terror, and ^snever *shalt be* any more.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

¹ God's judgment upon the prince of Tyrus for his sacrilegious pride. 11 A lamentation of his great glory corrupted by sin. 20 The judgment of Zidon. 24 The restoration of Israel.

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THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and ^tthou hast said, I *am* a God, I

^a ver. 9.

sit *in* the seat of God, ^bin the ^cmidst of the seas; ^eyet thou *art* a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

3 Behold, ^dthou *art* wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

5 ^{3e}By thy great wisdom *and* by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God;

7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, ^fthe terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of *them that are* slain in the midst of the seas.

9 Wilt thou yet ^gsay before him that slayeth thee, I *am* God? but thou *shalt be* a man, and no God, in the hand of him that ^hslayeth thee.

10 Thou shalt die the deaths of ⁱthe uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God.

11 ^jMoreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

12 Son of man, ^ktake up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; ^lThou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in ¹Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the ⁵sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the ⁶beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the ⁷emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of ^mthy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.

^b ch. 27. 3, 4.
^c Heb. *heart*.
^d Isai. 31. 3.
^e Zech. 9. 2.

^g Heb. *By the greatness of thy wisdom*.
^h Ps. 62. 10.
Zech. 9. 3.

^f ch. 30. 11.
& 31. 12. &
32. 12.

^g ver. 2.

⁴ Or, *woundeth*.

^h ch. 31. 18. &
32. 19, 21, 25,
27.

ⁱ ch. 27. 2.

^k ch. 27. 3.
ver. 3.

^l ch. 31. 8, 9.

⁵ Or, *ruby*.

⁶ Or, *chrysolite*.
⁷ Or, *chrysoprase*.

^m ch. 26. 13.

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CHRIST
588.

^a See Exod.
25. 20.
ver. 16.
^e ch. 20. 40.

^f ver. 14.

^g ver. 2, 5.

^r ch. 26. 21.
& 27. 36.
^s Heb. *terrors*.

^t ch. 6. 2. &
25. 2. & 29. 2.
^u Isai. 23. 4, 12.
Jer. 25. 22.
& 27. 3.
ch. 32. 30.
^v Ex. 14. 4, 17.
ch. 39. 13.

^w Ps. 9. 16.

^y ch. 20. 41.
& 36. 23.
ver. 25.
^z ch. 38. 22.

14 Thou *art* the anointed ^acherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon ^ethe holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, ^pO covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 ^qThine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: ^rthou shalt be ^sa terror, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.

20 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, ^tset thy face ^uagainst Zidon, and prophesy against it,

22 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; ^vBehold, I *am* against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and ^wthey shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be ^ysanctified in her.

23 ^zFor I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

24 ¶ And there shall be no more ^aa pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor *any* grieving thorn of all *that are* round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

25 Thus saith the Lord God; When I shall have ^bgathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be ^csanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

26 And they shall ^ddwell ^esafely therein, and shall ^fbuild houses, and ^gplant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that ^hdespise them round about them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.

CHAPTER XXIX.

1 *The judgment of Pharaoh for his treachery to Israel.* 8 *The desolation of Egypt.* 13 *The restoration thereof after forty years.* 17 *Egypt the reward of Nebuchadnezzar.* 21 *Israel shall be restored.*

IN the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, ^aset thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and ^bagainst all Egypt:

3 Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; ^cBehold, I *am* against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great ^ddragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, ^ewhich hath said, My river *is* mine own, and I have made *it* for myself.

4 But ^fI will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales.

5 And I will leave thee *thrown* into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.

^a Num. 33. 55.
Josh. 23. 13.

^b Isai. 11. 12.
ch. 11. 17.
& 20. 41. &
34. 13. &
37. 21.
^c ver. 22.

^d Jer. 23. 6.
ch. 36. 28.
^e Or, *with confidence*.
^f Isai. 65. 21.
Amos 9. 14.
^g Jer. 31. 5.
^h Or, *spoil*.

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^a ch. 28. 21.

^b Isai. 19. 1.
Jer. 25. 19. &
46. 2, 25.

^c Jer. 44. 30.
ch. 28. 22.
ver. 10.

^d Ps. 74. 13, 14.
Isai. 27. 1.
& 51. 9.
ch. 32. 2.
^e See ch. 28. 2.

^f Isai. 37. 29.
ch. 38. 4.

BEFORE
CHRIST
589.

^a Heb. *face of the field.*
^b Jer. 8. 2. & 16. 4. & 25. 33.
^c Jer. 7. 33. & 34. 20.
^d 2 Kin. 18. 21. Isai. 36. 6.
^e Jer. 37. 5, 7, 11. ch. 17. 17.

^f ch. 14. 17. & 32. 11, 12, 13.

^g ch. 30. 12.

^h Heb. *wastes of waste.*
ⁱ Or, *from Migdol to Syene,* Ex. 14. 2. Jer. 44. 1.
^j ch. 30. 6.
^k Heb. *Seveneh.*
^l ch. 32. 13.
^m ch. 30. 7, 26.

ⁿ Isai. 19. 23. Jer. 46. 26.

^o Or, *birth.*
^p Heb. *low.*
^q ch. 17. 6, 14.

fall upon the ^aopen fields; ^bthou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: ^cI have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.

^d And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* the LORD, because they have been a ^estaff of reed to the house of Israel.

^f When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand.

^g ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring ^ha sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.

ⁱ And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD: because he hath said, The river *is* mine, and I have made *it*.

^j Behold, therefore I *am* against thee, and against thy rivers, ^kand I will make the land of Egypt ^lutterly waste *and* desolate, ^mfrom the tower of ⁿSyene even unto the border of Ethiopia.

^o No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years.

^p And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities among the cities *that are* laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

^q ¶ Yet thus saith the Lord God; At the ^rend of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered:

^s And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return *into* the land of Pathros, into the land of their ^thabitation; and they shall be there a ^ubase kingdom.

^v It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt

itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations.

^w And it shall be no more ^xthe confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth *their* iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

^y ¶ And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

^z Son of man, ^{aa}Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:

^{ab} Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and ^{ac}take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

^{ad} I have given him the land of Egypt ^{ae}for his labour wherewith he ^{af}served against it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord God.

^{ag} ¶ In that day ^{ah}will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee ^{ai}the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER XXX.

¹ *The desolation of Egypt and her helpers.*
²⁰ *The arm of Babylon shall be strengthened to break the arm of Egypt.*

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

² Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; ^aHowl ye, Woe worth the day!

³ For ^bthe day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

⁴ And the sword shall come upon

BEFORE
CHRIST
589.

^c Isai. 30. 2, 3. & 36. 4, 6.

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^d Jer. 27. 6. ch. 26. 7, 8.

^e Heb. *spoil her spoil, and prey her prey.*

^f Or, *for his hire.*
^g Jer. 25. 9.

^h Ps. 132. 17.

ⁱ ch. 24. 27.

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^j Isai. 13. 6.

^k ch. 7. 7, 12. Joel 2. 1. Zeph. 1. 7.

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^a Or, *fear*.
^c ch. 29. 19.
^d Jer. 50. 15.
^e Heb. *Phut*,
 ch. 27. 10.
^f Jer. 25. 20,
 24.
^g Heb.
children.

^h Or, *from
 Migdol to
 Syene*.
ⁱ ch. 29. 10.
^j ch. 29. 12.

^k Heb. *broken*.
^l Isai. 18. 1, 2.

^m ch. 29. 19.

ⁿ ch. 28. 7.

^o Isai. 19. 5, 6.
^p Heb.
drought.
^q Isai. 19. 4.
^r Heb. *the ful-
 ness thereof*.

^s Isai. 19. 1.
 Jer. 43. 12.
 & 46. 25.
 Zech. 13. 2.
^t Zech. 10. 11.

^u Isai. 19. 16.

Egypt, and great ² pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they ^c shall take away her multitude, and ^d her foundations shall be broken down.

⁵ Ethiopia, and ³ Libya, and Lydia, and ^e all the mingled people, and Chub, and the ⁴ men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

⁶ Thus saith the LORD; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: ^{5f} from the tower of Syene shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord God.

⁷ And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities *that are* wasted.

⁸ And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and *when* all her helpers shall be ⁶ destroyed.

⁹ In that day ^h shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

¹⁰ Thus saith the Lord God; ⁱ I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

¹¹ He and his people with him, ^k the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

¹² And ¹ I will make the rivers ⁷ dry, and ^m sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and ⁸ all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken *it*.

¹⁸ Thus saith the Lord God; I will also ⁿ destroy the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of Noph; ^o and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: ^p and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ And I will make ⁹ Pathros desolate, and will set fire in ^{r2} Zoan, ^u and will execute judgments in No.

¹⁵ And I will pour my fury upon ³ Sin, the strength of Egypt; and ¹ I will cut off the multitude of No.

¹⁶ And I will ^u set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph *shall have* distresses daily.

¹⁷ The young men of ⁴ Aven and of ⁵ Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword: and these *cities* shall go into captivity.

¹⁸ ^x At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be ⁶ darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.

¹⁹ Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

²⁰ [¶] And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, in the seventh *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

²¹ Son of man, I have ^y broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, ^z it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

²² Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will ^a break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

²³ ^b And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

²⁴ And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded *man*.

²⁵ But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down;

BEFORE
CHRIST
572.

^q ch. 29. 14.
^r Ps. 78. 12, 43.
^s Or, *Tanis*.
^t Nah. 3. 8, 9,
 10.
^u Or, *Pelusium*.
^v Jer. 46. 25.
^w ver. 8.

^x Or,
Heliopolis.
^y Or,
Pubastum.

^z Jer. 2. 16.
^{aa} Or,
restrained.

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^{bb} Jer. 48. 25.

^{cc} Jer. 46. 11.

^{dd} Ps. 37. 17.

^{ee} ver. 26.
 ch. 29. 12.

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.^a Ps. 9. 16.^d ver. 23.
ch. 29. 12.^a ver. 18.^b Dan. 4. 10.^c Heb. *fair of branches.*^e Jer. 51. 36.^f Or, *nourished.*^g Or, *brought him up.*^h Or, *conduits.*^d Dan. 4. 11.ⁱ Or, *when it sent them forth.*^j ch. 17. 23.
Dan. 4. 12.^k Gen. 2. 8.
& 13. 10.
ch. 28. 13.

and ^e they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

26 ^d And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER XXXI.

1 *A relation unto Pharaoh, 3 of the glory of Assyria, 10 and the fall thereof for pride. 18 The like destruction of Egypt.*

AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; ^a Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

3 ^b Behold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon ² with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

4 ^c The waters ³ made him great, the deep ⁴ set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent out her ⁵ little rivers unto all the trees of the field.

5 Therefore ^d his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, ^e when he shot forth.

6 All the ^f fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.

8 The cedars in the ^g garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the

garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, envied him.

10 ^h Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and ⁱ his heart is lifted up in his height;

11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; ² he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.

12 And strangers, ^h the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: ¹ upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

13 ^k Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches:

14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees ³ stand up in their height, all that drink water: for ¹ they are all delivered unto death, ^m to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

15 Thus saith the Lord God; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon ⁴ to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

16 I made the nations to ² shake at the sound of his fall, when I ^o cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and ^p all the trees of Eden, the choice and

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.⁸ Dan. 5. 20.⁸ Heb. *in doing he shall do unto him.*^h ch. 28. 7.¹ ch. 32. 5.
& 35. 8.^k Isai. 18. 6.
ch. 32. 4.⁸ Or, *stand upon themselves for their height.*¹ Ps. 82. 7.
^m ch. 32. 18.⁴ Heb. *to be black.*² ch. 26. 15.^o Isai. 14. 15.^p Isai. 14. 8.

BEFORE
CHRIST
588.^a ch. 32. 31.^r Lam. 4. 20.^s ver. 2.
ch. 32. 19.^t ch. 28. 10. &
32. 19, 21, 24,
&c.

best of Lebanon, all that drink water, ^ashall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

17 They also went down into hell with him unto *them that be* slain with the sword; and *they that were* his arm, *that* ^rdwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.

18 ¶ ^sTo whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: ^tthou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that be* slain by the sword. This *is* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XXXII.

1 *A lamentation for the fearful fall of Egypt.*

11 *The sword of Babylon shall destroy it.*

17 *It shall be brought down to hell, among all the uncircumcised nations.*

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AND it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, ^atake up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, ^bThou art like a young lion of the nations, ^cand thou *art* as a ²whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and ^dfouledst their rivers.

3 Thus saith the Lord God; I will therefore ^espread out my net over thee with a company of many people; and they shall bring thee up in my net.

4 Then ^fwill I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and ^gwill cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

5 And I will lay thy flesh ^hupon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height.

6 I will also water with thy blood ⁱthe land wherein thou swimmest,

even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee.

7 And when I shall ²put thee out, ⁱI will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

8 All the ³bright lights of heaven will I make ⁴dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God.

9 I will also ⁵vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.

10 Yea, I will make many people ^kamazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and ^lthey shall tremble at *every* moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

11 ¶ ^mFor thus saith the Lord God; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.

12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, ⁿthe terrible of the nations, all of them: and ^othey shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.

13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; ^pneither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

14 Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord God.

15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be ^qdestitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, ^rthen shall they know that I *am* the LORD.

16 This *is* the ^rlamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, *even* for Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord God.

17 ¶ It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day*

BEFORE
CHRIST
587.^a Or,
*extinguish.*ⁱ Isai. 13. 10.
Joel 2. 31.
& 3. 15.Amos 8. 9.
Matt. 24. 29.
Rev. 6. 12, 13.^s Heb. *lights*
of the light
in heaven.^t Heb. *them*
dark.^u Heb. *provoke*
to anger, or,
grief.^k ch. 27. 35.^l ch. 26. 16.^m Jer. 46. 26.
ch. 30. 4.ⁿ ch. 28. 7.^o ch. 29. 19.^p ch. 29. 11.^q Heb.
desolate from
the fulness
thereof.^r Ex. 7. 5. &
14. 4, 18.
Ps. 9. 16.
ch. 6. 7.^s 2 Sam. 1. 17.
2 Chron. 35.
25. ch. 26. 17.
ver. 2.

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^a ch. 27. 2.
ver. 16.^b ch. 19. 3, 6.
& 38. 13.^c ch. 29. 3.^d Or, *dragon.*^e ch. 34. 18.^f ch. 12. 13. &
17. 20.
Hos. 7. 12.^g ch. 29. 5.^h ch. 31. 13.ⁱ ch. 31. 12.^j Or, *the*
land of thy
swimming.

BEFORE
CHRIST
587.^a ch. 26. 20.
& 31. 14.^b ch. 31. 2, 18.^c ver. 21, 24,
&c.
ch. 28. 10.^d Or, *the sword*
is laid.^e Isai. 1. 31. &
14. 9, 10.
ver. 27.^f ver. 19, 25,
&c.^g ver. 24, 26,
29, 30.^h Isai. 14. 15.ⁱ ch. 26. 17.
ver. 24, 25,
26, 27, 32.^j Or,
dismaying.
^k Jer. 49. 34,
&c.^l ver. 21.^m ver. 23.ⁿ Gen. 10. 2.
ch. 27. 13.
& 38. 2.^o ver. 19, 20,
&c.

of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and ^acast them down, *even* her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

19 ^bWhom dost thou pass in beauty? ^cgo down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised.

20 They shall fall in the midst of *them that are slain* by the sword: ^dshe is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.

21 ^eThe strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are ^fgone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

22 ^gAsshur *is* there and all her company: his graves *are* about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:

23 ^hWhose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which ⁱcaused ^jterror in the land of the living.

24 There *is* ^kElam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are ^lgone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, ^mwhich caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.

25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves *are* round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of *them that be slain*.

26 There *is* ⁿMeshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves *are* round about him: all of them ^ouncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

27 ^hAnd they shall not lie with the mighty *that are* fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell ^awith their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with *them that are* slain with the sword.

29 There *is* ⁱEdom, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are ^jlaid by *them that were* slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.

30 ^kThere *be* the princes of the north, all of them, and all the ^lZidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with *them that be* slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be ^mcomforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord God.

32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that are* slain with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

¹ According to the duty of a watchman, in warning the people, 7 Ezekiel is admonished of his duty. 10 God sheweth the justice of his ways towards the penitent, and towards revolvers. 17 He maintaineth his justice. 21 Upon the news of the taking of Jerusalem he prophesieth the desolation of the land. 30 God's judgment upon the mockers of the prophets.

AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to ^athe children of thy people, and say unto them, ^bWhen I bring the sword

BEFORE
CHRIST
587.^a ver. 21.
Isai. 14. 18,
19.^b Heb. *with*
weapons of
their war.^c ch. 25. 12, &c.^d Heb. *given,*
or, put.^e ch. 38. 6, 15.& 39. 2.
^f ch. 28. 21.^g ch. 31. 16.

587.

^h ch. 3. 11.ⁱ ch. 14. 17.^j Heb. *A land*
when I bring
a sword upon
her.

BEFORE
CHRIST
587.^c 2 Sam. 18. 24, 25.2 Kin. 9. 17.
ver. 7.
Hos. 9. 8.^b Heb. *he that hearing heareth.*^d ch. 18. 13.^e ver. 8.^f ch. 3. 17, &c.^g ch. 24. 23.^h So Isai.
49. 14.
ch. 37. 11.ⁱ 2 Sam. 14. 14.
ch. 18. 23, 32.
2 Pet. 3. 9.^k ch. 18. 31.

upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their ^cwatchman:

3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

4 Then ²whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, ^dhis blood shall be upon his own head.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, ^ehe is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 ¶ ^fSo thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins *be* upon us, and we ^gpine away in them, ^hhow should we then live?

11 Say unto them, *As* I live, saith the Lord God, ⁱI have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for ^kwhy will ye die, O house of Israel?

12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The ¹righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, ^mhe shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sinneth.

13 When I shall say to the righteous, *that* he shall surely live; ⁿif he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14 Again, ^owhen I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do ²that which is lawful and right;

15 *If* the wicked ^prestore the pledge, ^qgive again that he had robbed, walk in ^rthe statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16 ^uNone of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17 ¶ ^vYet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.

18 ^wWhen the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

20 ¶ Yet ye say, ^xThe way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 ¶ And it came to pass in the twelfth year ^yof our captivity, in the tenth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, ^zthat one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, ^aThe city is smitten.

BEFORE
CHRIST
587.¹ ch. 3. 20. &
18. 24, 26, 27.^m 2 Chron.
7. 14.ⁿ ch. 3. 20. &
18. 24.^o ch. 3. 18, 19.
& 18. 27.^p Heb.
*judgment
and justice.*^q ch. 18. 7.^r Ex. 22. 1, 4.
Lev. 6. 2, 4, 5.
Num. 5. 6, 7.
Luke 19. 8.^s Lev. 18. 5.
ch. 20. 11, 13,
21.^t ch. 18. 22.^u ver. 20.
ch. 18. 25, 29.^v ch. 18. 26, 27.^w ver. 17.
ch. 18. 25, 29.^x ch. 1. 2.^y ch. 24. 26.^z 2 Kin. 25. 4.

BEFORE
CHRIST
587.^b ch. 1. 3.^c ch. 24. 27.^d ch. 34. 2.^e ver. 27.

ch. 36. 4.

^f Isai. 51. 2.

Acts 7. 5.

^g See Micah

3. 11.

Matt. 3. 9.

John 8. 39.

^h Gen. 9. 4.

Lev. 3. 17. &

7. 26. & 17. 10.

& 19. 26.

Deut. 12. 16.

ⁱ ch. 18. 6.^k ch. 22. 6, 9.^l ch. 18. 6. &

22. 11.

^m ver. 24.ⁿ ch. 39. 4.^o Heb. *to devour him.*^p Judg. 6. 2.

1 Sam. 13. 6.

^q Jer. 44. 2, 6,

22.

ch. 36. 34, 35.

^r Heb. *desolation and desolation.*^s ch. 7. 24.

& 24. 21. &

30. 6, 7.

^t ch. 6. 2, 3, 6.^u Or, *of thee.*^v Isai. 29. 13.^w ch. 14. 1. &

20. 1, &c.

^x Heb. *according to the coming of the people.*^y Or, *my people sit before thee.*^z ch. 8. 1.

22 Now ^bthe hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; ^cand my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

23 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, ^dthey that inhabit those ^ewastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, 'Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: ^fbut we *are* many; the land is given us for inheritance.

25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; ^hYe eat with the blood, and ⁱlift up your eyes toward your idols, and ^kshed blood: and shall ye possess the land?

26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye ^ldefile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?

27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; *As* I live, surely ^mthey that *are* in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that *is* in the open field ⁿwill I give to the beasts ^oto be devoured, and they that *be* in the forts and ^pin the caves shall die of the pestilence.

28 ^qFor I will lay the land ^rmost desolate, and the ^spomp of her strength shall cease; and ^tthe mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

29 Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 ¶ Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking ^uagainst thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and ^vspeak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And ^wthey come unto thee ^xas the people cometh, and ^ythey ^zsit before thee *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do

them: ^afor with their mouth ^bthey shew much love, *but* ^ctheir heart goeth after their covetousness.

32 And, lo, thou *art* unto them as ^da very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 ^eAnd when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then ^fshall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

1 *A reproof of the shepherds.* 7 *God's judgment against them.* 11 *His providence for his flock.* 20 *The kingdom of Christ.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the ^ashepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; ^bWoe *be* to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 ^cYe eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ^dye kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock.

4 ^eThe diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye ^fsought that which was lost; but with ^gforce and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

5 ^hAnd they were ⁱscattered, ^jbecause *there is* no shepherd: ^kand they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them.*

7 ¶ Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

8 *As* I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a

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587.^a Ps. 78. 36, 37.
Isai. 29. 13.^b Heb. *they make loves, or, jests.*^c Matt. 13. 22.^d Heb. *a song of loves.*^e 1 Sam. 3. 20.^f ch. 2. 5.

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^g ch. 33. 24.^h Jer. 23. 1.
Zech. 11. 17.ⁱ Isai. 56. 11.

Zech. 11. 16.

^j ch. 33. 25, 26.

Mic. 3. 1, 2, 3.

Zech. 11. 5.

^k ver. 16.

Zech. 11. 16.

^l Luke 15. 4.^m 1 Pet. 5. 3.ⁿ ch. 33. 21, 28.^o 1 Kin. 22. 17.

Matt. 9. 36.

^p Or, *without a shepherd, and so ver. 8.*^q Isai. 56. 9.

Jer. 12. 9.

ver. 8.

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¹ ver. 5, 6.	prey, and my flock ¹ became meat	cattle, between the rams and the	
^m ver. 2, 10.	to every beast of the field, because	² he goats.	
	<i>there was</i> no shepherd, neither did	18 <i>Seemeth it</i> a small thing unto	³ Heb. <i>great</i>
	my shepherds search for my flock,	you to have eaten up the good	<i>he goats.</i>
	^m but the shepherds fed themselves,	pasture, but ye must tread down	
	and fed not my flock;	with your feet the residue of your	
	⁹ Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear	pastures? and to have drunk of	
	the word of the LORD;	the deep waters, but ye must foul	
	¹⁰ Thus saith the Lord God; Be-	the residue with your feet?	
	hold, I <i>am</i> against the shepherds;	¹⁹ And <i>as for</i> my flock, they eat	
	and ¹¹ I will require my flock at their	that which ye have trodden with	
	hand, and cause them to cease from	your feet; and they drink that	
	feeding the flock; neither shall the	which ye have fouled with your	
	shepherds ^o feed themselves any	feet.	
	more; for I will deliver my flock	²⁰ ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord	
	from their mouth, that they may	God unto them; ² Behold, I, <i>even</i>	⁴ ver. 17.
	not be meat for them.	I, will judge between the fat cattle	
	¹¹ ¶ For thus saith the Lord God;	and between the lean cattle.	
	Behold, I, <i>even</i> I, will both search	²¹ Because ye have thrust with	
	my sheep, and seek them out.	side and with shoulder, and pushed	
	¹² ² As a shepherd seeketh out his	all the diseased with your horns, till	
	flock in the day that he is among	ye have scattered them abroad;	
	his sheep <i>that are</i> scattered; so will	²² Therefore will I save my flock,	
	I seek out my sheep, and will de-	and they shall no more be a prey;	⁵ ver. 17.
	liver them out of all places where	and ² I will judge between cattle	
	they have been scattered in ¹ the	and cattle.	
	cloudy and dark day.	²³ And I will set up one ^b shepherd	
	¹³ And ¹ I will bring them out from	over them, and he shall feed them,	^b Isai. 40. 11.
	the people, and gather them from	^o <i>even</i> my servant David; he shall	Jer. 23. 4, 5.
	the countries, and will bring them	feed them, and he shall be their	John 10. 11.
	to their own land, and feed them	shepherd.	Hebr. 13. 20.
	upon the mountains of Israel by	²⁴ And ¹ I the LORD will be their	1 Pet. 2. 25.
	the rivers, and in all the inhabited	God, and my servant David ^o a	& 5. 4.
	places of the country.	prince among them; I the LORD	^o Jer. 30. 9.
	¹⁴ ¹ I will feed them in a good pas-	have spoken <i>it</i> .	ch. 37. 24, 25.
	ture, and upon the high mountains	²⁵ And ¹ I will make with them a	Hos. 3. 5.
	of Israel shall their fold be: ² there	covenant of peace, and ³ will cause	^d ver. 30.
	shall they lie in a good fold, and <i>in</i>	the evil beasts to cease out of the	Ex. 29. 45.
	a fat pasture shall they feed upon	land: and they ^b shall dwell safely	ch. 37. 27.
	the mountains of Israel.	in the wilderness, and sleep in the	^o ch. 37. 22.
	¹⁵ I will feed my flock, and I will	woods.	Luke 1. 32, 33.
	cause them to lie down, saith the	²⁶ And I will make them and	^f ch. 37. 26.
	Lord God.	the places round about ¹ my hill ^k a	⁸ Lev. 26. 6.
	¹⁶ ¹ I will seek that which was	blessing; and I will ¹ cause the	Isai. 11. 6,—9.
	lost, and bring again that which	shower to come down in his sea-	& 35. 9.
	was driven away, and will bind up	son; there shall be ^m showers of	Hos. 2. 18.
	<i>that which was</i> broken, and will	blessing.	^h ver. 28.
	strengthen that which was sick:	²⁷ And ² the tree of the field shall	Jer. 23. 6.
	but I will destroy ² the fat and the	yield her fruit, and the earth shall	¹ Isai. 56. 7.
	strong; I will feed them ² with	yield her increase, and they shall	ch. 20. 40.
	judgment.	be safe in their land, and shall	^k Gen. 12. 2.
	¹⁷ And <i>as for</i> you, O my flock,	know that I <i>am</i> the LORD, when	Isai. 19. 24.
	thus saith the Lord God; ¹ Be-	I have ^o broken the bands of their	Zech. 8. 13.
	hold, I judge between ³ cattle and	yoke, and delivered them out of the	¹ Lev. 26. 4.
			^m Ps. 68. 9.
			Mal. 3. 10.
			^h Lev. 26. 4.
			Ps. 85. 12.
			Isai. 4. 2.
			^o Lev. 26. 13.
			Jer. 2. 20.

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^p Jer. 25. 14.
^q See ver. 8.
ch. 36. 4.
^r ver. 25.
Jer. 30. 10.
& 46. 27.

^s Isai. 11. 1.
Jer. 23. 5.
^t Or, *for*
renown.
^u Heb. *taken*
away.
^v ch. 36. 3, 6,
15.
^w ver. 24.
ch. 37. 27.

^x Ps. 100. 3.
John 10. 11.

hand of those that ^pserved themselves of them.

28 And they shall no more ^qbe a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but ^rthey shall dwell safely, and none shall make *them* afraid.

29 And I will raise up for them a ^splant ^tof renown, and they shall be no more ^uconsumed with hunger in the land, ^vneither bear the shame of the heathen any more.

30 Thus shall they know that ^wI the LORD their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* my people, saith the Lord God.

31 And ye my ^xflock, the flock of my pasture, *are* men, *and* I *am* your God, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XXXV.

The judgment of mount Seir for their hatred of Israel.

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MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, ^aset thy face against ^bmount Seir, and ^cprophecy against it,

3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O mount Seir, I *am* against thee, and ^dI will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee ^emost desolate.

4 ^fI will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

5 ^gBecause thou hast had a ^hperpetual hatred, and hast ⁱshed the blood of the children of Israel by the ^jforce of the sword in the time of their calamity, ^kin the time *that their iniquity had* an end:

6 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: ^lsith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.

7 Thus will I make mount Seir ^mmost desolate, and cut off from it ⁿhim that passeth out and him that returneth.

8 ^oAnd I will fill his mountains

with his slain *men*: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword.

9 ^pI will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: ^qand ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

10 Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will ^rpossess it; ^swhereas ^tthe LORD was there:

11 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, I will even do ^uaccording to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee.

12 ^vAnd thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us ^wto consume.

13 Thus ^xwith your mouth ye have ^yboasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard *them*.

14 Thus saith the Lord God; ^zWhen the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.

15 ^aAs thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: ^bthou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, *even* all of it: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

¹ *The land of Israel is comforted, both by destruction of the heathen, who spitefully used it, 8 and by the blessings of God promised unto it. 16 Israel was rejected for their sin, 21 and shall be restored without their desert. 25 The blessings of Christ's kingdom.*

ALSO, thou son of man, prophesy unto the ^cmountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:

2 Thus saith the Lord God; Be-

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¹ Jer. 49. 17, 18.
ver. 4.
ch. 25. 13.
Mal. 1. 3, 4.
^m ch. 6. 7.
& 7. 4, 9.
& 36. 11.

ⁿ Ps. 83. 4, 12.
ch. 36. 5.
Obad. 13.
^o Or, *though*
the LORD
was there.
^p Ps. 48. 1, 3.
& 132. 13, 14.
ch. 48. 35.
^q Matt. 7. 2.
Jam. 2. 13.

^r Ps. 9. 16.
ch. 6. 7.

^s Heb. *to*
devour.

^t 1 Sam. 2. 3.
Rev. 13. 6.
^u Heb.
magnified.

^v Isai. 65. 13,
14.

^w Obad. 12, 15.

^x ver. 3, 4.

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^y ch. 6. 2, 3.

^a ch. 6. 2.
^b Dent. 2. 5.
^c Jer. 49. 7, 8.
ch. 25. 12.
Amos 1. 11.
Obad. 10, &c.

^d ch. 6. 14.

^e Heb. *deso-*
lation and
desolation;
So ver. 7.
^f ver. 9.

^g ch. 25. 12.
Obad. 10.

^h Or, *hatred*
of old,
ch. 25. 15.

ⁱ Heb. *poured*
out the chil-
dren.

^j Heb. *hands*.

^k Ps. 137. 7.
ch. 21. 25, 29.
Dan. 9. 24.
Obad. 11.

^l Ps. 109. 17.

^m Heb. *deso-*
lation and
desolation,
ver. 3.

ⁿ Judg. 5. 6.
ch. 29. 11.

^o ch. 31. 12.
& 32. 5.

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^b ch. 25. 3. &
26. 2.
^c Dcut. 32. 13.
^d ch. 35. 10.
^e Hob. *Because*
for because.

^e Dcut. 28. 37.
¹ Kin. 9. 7.
Lam. 2. 15.
Dan. 9. 16.

³ Or, *ye are*
made to come
upon the tip
of the tongue.

⁴ Or, *bottoms,*
or, dunes.

^f ch. 34. 28.

^g Ps. 79. 4.

^h Dcut. 4. 24.
ch. 38. 19.

ⁱ ch. 35. 10, 12.

^k Ps. 123. 3, 4.
ch. 34. 29.
ver. 15.

^l ch. 20. 5.

cause ^b the enemy hath said against you, Aha, ^c even the ancient high places ^d are our's in possession:

⁸ Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; ^a Because they have made *you* desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, ^e and ³ ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and *are* an infamy of the people:

⁴ Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ⁴ rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which ^f became a prey and ^g derision to the residue of the heathen that *are* round about;

⁵ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; ^h Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, ⁱ which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all *their* heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.

⁶ Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have ^k borne the shame of the heathen:

⁷ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I have ^l lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that *are* about you, they shall bear their shame.

⁸ ¶ But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come.

⁹ For, behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown:

¹⁰ And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, *even* all of it: and the cities shall be

inhabited, and ^m the wastes shall be builded:

¹¹ And ⁿ I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better *unto you* than at your beginnings: ^o and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

¹² Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, *even* my people Israel; ^p and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth ^q bereave them *of men*.

¹³ Thus saith the Lord God; Because they say unto you, ^r Thou *land* devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations;

¹⁴ Therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither ² bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵ ^s Neither will I cause *men* to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord God.

¹⁶ ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

¹⁷ Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, ^t they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as ^u the uncleanness of a removed woman.

¹⁸ Wherefore I poured my fury upon them ^x for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols *wherewith* they had polluted it:

¹⁹ And I ^y scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: ^z according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

²⁰ And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they ^a profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These *are* the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.

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587.

^m Isai. 58. 12.
& 61. 4.
ver. 33.
Amos 9. 14.
ⁿ Jer. 31. 27.
& 33. 12.
^o ch. 35. 9. &
37. 6, 13.

^p Obad. 17, &c.

^q See Jer. 15. 7.

^r Num. 13. 32.

^s Or, *cause*
to fall.

^t ch. 34. 29.

^u Lev. 18. 25,
27, 28.
Jer. 2. 7.

^v Lev. 15. 19,
&c.

^x ch. 16. 36, 38.
& 23. 37.

^y ch. 22. 15.

^z ch. 7. 3.
& 18. 30.
& 39. 24.

^a Isai. 52. 5.
Rom. 2. 24.

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587.^b ch. 20. 9, 14.^c Ps. 106. 8.^d ch. 20. 41.
& 28. 22.^e Or, *your*.
^f ch. 34. 13.
& 37. 21.^g Isai. 52. 15.
Hebr. 10. 22.^h Jer. 33. 8.ⁱ Jer. 32. 39.
ch. 11. 19.^j ch. 11. 19.
& 37. 14.^k ch. 28. 25.
& 37. 25.
^l Jer. 30. 22.
ch. 11. 20.
& 37. 27.^m Matt. 1. 21.
Rom. 11. 26.
ⁿ See Ps. 105.
16.^o ch. 34. 29.^p ch. 34. 27.^q ch. 16. 61, 63.^r Lev. 26. 39.
ch. 6. 9. &
20. 43.

21 ¶ But I had pity ^b for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.

22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; I do not *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, ^c but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be ^d sanctified in you before ^e their eyes.

24 For ^f I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 ¶ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: ^g from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A ^h new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my ⁱ spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

28 ^k And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; ^l and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29 I will also ^m save you from all your uncleannesses: and ⁿ I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and ^o lay no famine upon you.

30 ^p And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

31 Then ^q shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and ^r shall lothe

yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32 ^s Not for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

33 Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, ^t and the wastes shall be builded.

34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of ^u Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are* become fenced, *and* are inhabited.

36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined *places*, *and* plant that that was desolate: ^x I the Lord have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.

37 Thus saith the Lord God; ^y I will yet *for* this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will ^z increase them with men like a flock.

38 As the ^z holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

1 By the resurrection of dry bones, 11 the dead hope of Israel is revived. 15 By the uniting of two sticks, 18 is shewed the incorporation of Israel into Judah. 20 The promises of Christ's kingdom.

THE ^a hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out ^b in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones,

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open ^c valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry.

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587.^a Deut. 9. 5.
ver. 22.^t ver. 10.^u Isai. 51. 3.
ch. 28. 13.
Joel 2. 3.^x ch. 17. 24.
& 22. 14. &
37. 14.^y See ch. 14. 3.
& 20. 3, 31.^z ver. 10.^z Heb. *flock of holy things*.cir. 587.
^a ch. 1. 3.^b ch. 3. 14. &
8. 3. & 11. 24.
Luke 4. 1.^c Or, *campaign*.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 587.

^o Deut. 32. 39.
1 Sam. 2. 6.
John 5. 21.
Rom. 4. 17.
2 Cor. 1. 9.

^d Ps. 104. 30.
ver. 9.

^o ch. 6. 7. &
35. 12.
Joel 2. 27.
& 3. 17.

^a Or, *breath*.

^r Ps. 104. 30.
ver. 5.

^s Rev. 11. 11.

^h Ps. 141. 7.
Isai. 49. 14.

ⁱ Isai. 26. 19.
Hos. 13. 14.

^k ch. 36. 24.
ver. 25.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, ^cthou knowest.

4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

5 Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will ^dcause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; ^eand ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the ²wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; ^fCome from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, ^gand the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 ¶ Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, ^hOur bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

12 Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, ⁱO my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and ^kbring you into the land of Israel.

13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your

graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 And ^lshall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

15 ¶ The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

16 Moreover, thou son of man, ^mtake thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for ⁿthe children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions:

17 And ^ojoin them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

18 ¶ And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, ^pWilt thou not shew us what thou *meanest* by these?

19 ^qSay unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take ^rthe stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

20 ¶ And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand ^sbefore their eyes.

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, ^tI will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

22 And ^uI will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and ^vone king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

23 ^wNeither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but ^xI will save them out of

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¹ ch. 36. 27.

^m See Numb. 17. 2.
ⁿ 2 Chron. 11. 12, 13, 16.
& 15. 9. & 30. 11, 18.

^o See ver. 22, 24.

^p ch. 12. 9. & 24. 19.

^q Zech. 10. 6.

^r ver. 16, 17.

^s ch. 12. 3.

^t ch. 36. 24.

^u Isai. 11. 13.
Jer. 3. 18.
& 50. 4.
Hos. 1. 11.
^v ch. 34. 23, 24.
John 10. 16.

^w ch. 36. 25.

^x ch. 36. 28, 29.

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CHRIST
cir. 587.

^a Isai. 40. 11.
Jer. 23. 5.
& 30. 9.
ch. 34. 23, 24.
Hos. 3. 5.
Luke 1. 32.
^b ver. 22.
John 10. 16.
^c ch. 36. 27.
^d ch. 36. 28.

^e Isai. 60. 21.
Joel 3. 20.
Amos 9. 15.
^f ver. 24.
John 12. 34.
^g Ps. 89. 3.
Isai. 55. 3.
Jer. 32. 40.
ch. 34. 25.
^h ch. 36. 10, 37.
ⁱ 2 Cor. 6. 16.

^k Lev. 26. 11,
12. ch. 43. 7.
John 1. 14.
^l ch. 11. 20.
& 14. 11. &
36. 28.
^m ch. 36. 23.
ⁿ ch. 20. 12.

^a ch. 39. 1.
^b ch. 35. 2, 3.
^c Rev. 20. 8.
^d Or, *prince*
of the chief.
^e ch. 32. 26.

^f 2 Kin. 19. 28.
ch. 29. 4. &
39. 2.

^f ch. 23. 12.

all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And ^aDavid my servant *shall* be king over them; and ^bthey all shall have one shepherd: ^cthey shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

25 ^dAnd they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children ^efor ever: and ^fmy servant David *shall* be their prince for ever.

26 Moreover I will make a ^gcovenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and ^hmultiply them, and will set my ⁱsanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 ^kMy tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be ^ltheir God, and they shall be my people.

28 ^mAnd the heathen shall know that I the LORD do ⁿsanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

1 The army, 8 and malice of Gog. 14 God's judgment against him.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 ^aSon of man, ^bset thy face against ^cGog, the land of Magog, ²the chief prince of ^dMeshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

4 And ^eI will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, ^fall of them clothed with all sorts *of* armour, *even* a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

5 Persia, Ethiopia, and ²Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

6 ^gGomer, and all his bands; the house of ^hTogarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and* many people with thee.

7 ⁱBe thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

8 ^jAfter many days ^lthou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, ^mand *is* gathered out of many people, against ⁿthe mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall ^odwell safely all of them.

9 Thou shalt ascend and come ^plike a storm, thou shalt be ^qlike a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

10 Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, *that* at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt ³think an evil thought:

11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will ^rgo to them that are at rest, ^sthat dwell ⁴safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

12 ⁵To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon ^tthe desolate places *that are now* inhabited, ^uand upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the ⁶midst of the land.

13 ^xSheba, and ^yDedan, and the merchants ⁷of Tarshish, with all ⁸the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 587.

⁹ Or, *Phut*,
ch. 27. 10.
& 30. 5.
¹⁰ Gen. 10. 2.
¹¹ ch. 27. 14.

¹² Like Isai.
8, 9, 10.
Jer. 46. 3, 4,
14. & 51. 12.

¹³ Gen. 49. 1.
Dout. 4. 30.
ver. 16.
¹⁴ Isai. 29. 6.
¹⁵ ver. 12.
ch. 34. 13.

¹⁶ ch. 36. 1, 4, 8.

¹⁷ Jer. 23. 6.
ch. 28. 26. &
34. 25, 28.
ver. 11.

¹⁸ Isai. 28. 2.
¹⁹ Jer. 4. 13.
ver. 16.

²⁰ Or, *conceive*
a mischievous
purpose.

²¹ Jer. 49. 31.

²² ver. 8.

²³ Or,
confidently.

²⁴ Heb. *To spoil*
the spoil,
and to prey
the prey,
ch. 29. 19.
²⁵ ch. 36. 34, 35.
²⁶ ver. 8.

²⁷ Heb. *navel*,
Judg. 9. 37.

²⁸ ch. 27. 22, 23.
²⁹ ch. 27. 15, 20.
³⁰ ch. 27. 12.
³¹ See chap.
19. 3, 5.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 587.^b Isai. 4. 1.
^c ver. 8.^d ch. 39. 2.^e ver. 6.^f ver. 9.^g ver. 8.^h Ex. 14. 4.
ch. 36. 23.
& 39. 21.ⁱ Heb. *by the hands.*^j ch. 36. 5, 6.
& 39. 25.^k Ps. 89. 46.^l Hag. 2. 6, 7.
Rev. 16. 18.^m Hos. 4. 3.ⁿ Jer. 4. 24.
Nah. 1. 5, 6.^o Or, *towers,*
or, *stairs.*^p Ps. 105. 16.
^q ch. 14. 17.^r Judg. 7. 22.
1 Sam. 14. 20.
2 Chron. 20. 23.^s Isai. 66. 16.
Jer. 25. 31.^t ch. 5. 17.^u Ps. 11. 6.
Isai. 29. 6.
& 30. 30.

14 ¶ Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; ^bIn that day when my people of Israel ^cdwell safely, shalt thou not know it?

15 ^dAnd thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, ^eand many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

16 ^fAnd thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; ^git shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, ^hthat the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

17 Thus saith the Lord God; *Art* thou he of whom I have spoken in old time ⁱby my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring thee against them?

18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, *that* my fury shall come up in my face.

19 For ^jin my jealousy ^kand in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, ^lSurely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

20 So that ^mthe fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, ⁿand the mountains shall be thrown down, and the ^osteep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

21 And I will ^pcall for ^qa sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: ^revery man's sword shall be against his brother.

22 And I will ^splead against him with ^tpestilence and with blood; and ^uI will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many

people that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and ^vgreat hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 Thus will I magnify myself, and ^wsanctify myself; ^xand I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

1 *God's judgment upon Gog.* 8 *Israel's victory.*

11 *Gog's burial in Hamon-gog.* 17 *The feast of the fowls.* 23 *Israel, having been plagued for their sins, shall be gathered again with eternal favour.*

THEREFORE, ^ythou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

2 And I will turn thee back, and ^zleave but the sixth part of thee, ^aand will cause thee to come up from ^bthe north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

4 ^cThou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee: ^dI will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every ^esort, and to the beasts of the field ^fto be devoured.

5 Thou shalt fall upon ^gthe open field: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God.

6 ^hAnd I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell ⁱcarelessly in ^jthe isles: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 ^kSo will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let them* ^lpollute my holy name any more: ^mand the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

8 ¶ ⁿBehold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this *is* the day ^owhereof I have spoken.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 587.^p ch. 13. 11.
Rev. 16. 21.^q ch. 36. 23.^r Ps. 9. 16.
ch. 37. 28.
& 39. 7.
ver. 16.^s ch. 38. 2, 3.^t Or, *strike thee with six plagues; or, draw thee back with an hook of six teeth, as*
ch. 38. 4.^u ch. 38. 15.^v Heb. *the sides of the north.*^w ch. 38. 21.
ver. 17.^x ch. 33. 27.^y Heb. *wing.*^z Heb. *to devour.*^a Heb. *the face of the field.*^b ch. 38. 22.
Amos 1. 4.^c Or, *confidently.*
^d Ps. 72. 10.^e ver. 22.^f Lev. 18. 21.
ch. 20. 39.^g ch. 38. 16, 23.^h Rev. 16. 17.
& 21. 6.ⁱ ch. 38. 17.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 587.^a Or, javeline.^b Or, make a fire of them.^m Isai. 14. 2.^d Or, mouths.^e That is, The multitude of Gog.ⁿ Deut. 21. 23.
ver. 14, 16.^o ch. 28. 22.^p Heb. men of continuance.^p ver. 12.^r Heb. build.^s That is, The multitude.^t ver. 12.^u Rev. 19. 17.^v Heb. to the fowl of every wing.^w Isai. 18. 6.
& 34. 6.
Jer. 12. 9.
Zeph. 1. 7.^x Or, slaughter.

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the ²handstaves, and the spears, and they shall ³burn them with fire seven years:

10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: ^mand they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord God.

11 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the ⁴noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call *it* The valley of ⁵Hamon-gog.

12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, ⁿthat they may cleanse the land.

18 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury *them*; and it shall be to them a renown the day that ^oI shall be glorified, saith the Lord God.

14 And they shall sever out ⁶men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, ^pto cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

15 And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when *any* seeth a man's bone, then shall he ⁷set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.

16 And also the name of the city *shall be* ⁸Hamonah. Thus shall they ^qcleanse the land.

17 ¶ And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; ^rSpeak ⁹unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, ^sAssemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my ²sacrifice that

I do sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice ^tupon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

18 ^uYe shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of ²goats, of bullocks, all of them ^xfatlings of Bashan.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 ^yThus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, ^zwith mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God.

21 ^aAnd I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and ^bmy hand that I have laid upon them.

22 ^cSo the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward.

23 ¶ ^dAnd the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore ^ehid I my face from them, and ^fgave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

24 ^gAccording to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; ^hNow will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the ⁱwhole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;

26 ^kAfter that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they ^ldwelt safely in their land, and none made *them* afraid.

27 ^mWhen I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and ⁿam sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 587.^t ver. 4.^u Rev. 19. 18.^v Heb. great goats.^w Deut. 32. 14.
Ps. 22. 12.^x Ps. 76. 6.
ch. 38. 4.^y Rev. 19. 18.^z ch. 38. 16, 23.^a Ex. 7. 4.^c ver. 7, 28.^d ch. 36. 18, 19,
20, 23.^e Deut. 31. 17.
Isai. 59. 2.^f Lev. 26. 25.^g ch. 36. 19.^h Jer. 30. 3, 18.
ch. 34. 13. &
36. 24.ⁱ ch. 20. 40.
Hos. 1. 11.^k Dan. 9. 16.^l Lev. 26. 5, 6.^m ch. 28. 25, 26.ⁿ ch. 36. 23, 24.
& 38. 16.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 587.

^o ch. 34. 30.
ver. 22.
^a Heb. *by my causing of them, &c.*

^p Isai. 54. 8.

^q Joel 2. 28.
Zech. 12. 10.
Acts 2. 17.

28. ^o Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD their God, ² which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

29 ^p Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have ^q poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XL.

1 *The time, manner, and end of the vision.*
6 *The description of the east gate,* 20 *of the north gate,* 24 *of the south gate,* 32 *of the east gate,* 35 *and of the north gate.* 39 *Eight tables.* 44 *The chambers.* 48 *The porch of the house.*

IN the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after that ^a the city was smitten, in the selfsame day ^b the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

2 ^o In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, ^d and set me upon a very high mountain, ³ by which *was* as the frame of a city on the south.

3 And he brought me thither, and, behold, *there was* a man, whose appearance *was* ^e like the appearance of brass, ^f with a line of flax in his hand, ^g and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me, ^h Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew *them* unto thee *art* thou brought hither: ⁱ declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

5 And behold ^k a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits *long* by the cubit and an hand breadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6 [¶] Then came he unto the gate ² which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of the gate, *which was* one reed broad; and the other threshold of the gate, *which was* one reed broad.

7 And *every* little chamber *was* one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers *were* five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within *was* one reed.

8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.

9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate *was* inward.

10 And the little chambers of the gate eastward *were* three on this side, and three on that side; they three *were* of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; *and* the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 The ³ space also before the little chambers *was* one cubit *on this side*, and the space *was* one cubit on that side: and the little chambers *were* six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 He measured then the gate from the roof of *one* little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth *was* five and twenty cubits, door against door.

14 He made also posts of three-score cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the gate.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate *were* fifty cubits.

16 And *there were* ¹⁴ narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the ⁵ arches: and windows *were* round about ⁶ inward: and upon *each* post *were* palm trees.

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574.

² Heb. *whose face was the way toward the east.*

³ Heb. *limit, or, bound.*

¹⁴ 1 Kin. 6. 4.
⁴ Heb. *closed.*

⁵ Or, *galleries, or, porches.*
⁶ Or, *within.*

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^a ch. 33. 21.

^b ch. 1. 3.

^o ch. 8. 3.

^d Rev. 21. 10.

^a Or, *upon which.*

^o ch. 1. 7.
Dan. 10. 6.

^f ch. 47. 3.

^g Rev. 11. 1.
& 21. 15.

^h ch. 44. 5.

ⁱ ch. 43. 10.

^k ch. 42. 20.

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574.^m Rev. 11. 2.
ⁿ 1 Kin. 6. 5.
^o ch. 45. 5.

17 Then brought he me into ^mthe outward court, and, lo, *there were* ⁿchambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: ^othirty chambers *were* upon the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates *was* the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court ²without, an hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 ¶ And the gate of the outward court ³that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof.

21 And the little chambers thereof *were* three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the ⁴arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, *were* after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof *were* before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court *was* over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits.

24 ¶ After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures.

25 And *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

26 And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof.

² Or, from without.³ Heb. whose face was.⁴ Or, galleries, or, porches.BEFORE
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27 And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

30 And the arches round about *were* ¹five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits ²broad.

31 And the arches thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

32 ¶ And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, *were* according to these measures: and *there were* windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the arches thereof *were* toward the outward court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

35 ¶ And he brought me to the north gate, and measured *it* according to these measures;

36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the posts thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof,

¹ See ver. 21, & 25, & 33, & 36.² Heb. breadth.

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on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

38 And the chambers and the entries thereof *were* by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

39 ¶ And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and ^athe sin offering and ^rthe trespass offering.

40 And at the side without, ²as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, *were* two tables; and on the other side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables.

41 Four tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew *their sacrifices*.

42 And the four tables *were* of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within *were* ³hooks, an hand broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

44 ¶ And without the inner gate *were* the chambers of ^athe singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and their prospect *was* toward the south: one at the side of the east gate *having* the prospect toward the north.

45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect *is* toward the south, *is* for the priests, ^tthe keepers of the ⁴charge of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect *is* toward the north *is* for the priests, ^uthe keepers of the charge of the altar: these *are* the sons of ^xZadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the LORD to minister unto him.

47 So he measured the court, an

hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar *that was* before the house.

48 ¶ And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured *each* post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate *was* three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49 ^yThe length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and *he brought me* by the steps whereby they went up to it: and *there were* ^zpillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

CHAPTER XLI.

The measures, parts, chambers, and ornaments of the temple.

AFTERWARD he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the ²door *was* ten cubits; and the sides of the door *were* five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits.

4 So ^ahe measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This *is* the most holy *place*.

5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of *every* side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 ^bAnd the side chambers *were* three, ³one over another, and ⁴thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which *was* of the house for the side chambers round about,

BEFORE
CHRIST
574.^y 1 Kin. 6. 3.^z 1 Kin. 7. 21.² Or, entrance.^a 1 Kin. 6. 20.
2 Chron. 3. 8.^b 1 Kin. 6. 5, 6.³ Heb. side chamber over side chamber.⁴ Or, three and thirty times, or, foot.^a Lev. 4. 2, 3.^r Lev. 5. 6. & 6. 6. & 7. 1.^s Or, at the step.^s Or, endirons, or, the two hearthstones.^t 1 Chron. 6. 31.^t Lev. 8. 35.
Num. 3. 27,
28, 32, 38. &
18. 5.
1 Chron. 9. 23.
2 Chron. 13.
11.
Ps. 134. 1.^u Or, ward, or, ordinance: And so ver. 46.^x Num. 18. 5.
ch. 44. 15.^y 1 Kin. 2. 35.
ch. 43. 19. &
44. 15, 16.

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574.

^a Heb. be holden.
^b Heb. it was made broader, and went round.
^c 1 Kin. 6. 8.

^d ch. 40. 5.

that they might ² have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

7 And ³ there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *was still* upward, and so increased *from* the lowest *chamber* to the highest by the midst.

8 I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side chambers *were* ^d a full reed of six great cubits.

9 The thickness of the wall, which *was* for the side chamber without, *was* five cubits: and *that* which *was* left *was* the place of the side chambers that *were* within.

10 And between the chambers *was* the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the doors of the side chambers *were* toward *the place that was* left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left *was* five cubits round about.

12 Now the building that *was* before the separate place at the end toward the west *was* seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building *was* five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

13 So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long;

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which *was* behind it, and the ^e galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, an hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

16 The door posts, and ^f the narrow

windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, ^g cieled with wood round about, ^h and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered;

17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by ⁱ measure.

18 And *it was* made ^j with cherubims and palm trees, so that a palm tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub; and *every* cherub had two faces;

19 ^k So that the face of a man *was* toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: *it was* made through all the house round about.

20 From the ground unto above the door *were* cherubims and palm trees made, and *on* the wall of the temple.

21 The ^l posts of the temple *were* squared, *and* the face of the sanctuary; the appearance *of the one* as the appearance *of the other*.

22 ^m The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, *were* of wood: and he said unto me, This *is* ⁿ the table that *is* ^o before the LORD.

23 ^p And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other *door*.

25 And *there were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm trees, like as *were* made upon the walls; and *there were* thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And *there were* ^q narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and *upon* the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

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^a Heb. cieled of wood.
^b Or, and the ground unto the windows.

^c Heb. measures.
^d 1 Kin. 6. 29.

^e See ch. 1. 10.

^f Heb. post.

^g Ex. 30. 1.

^h ch. 44. 16.
ⁱ Mal. 1. 7, 12.
^j Ex. 30. 8.
^k 1 Kin. 6. 31,—35.

^l ch. 40. 16.
^m ver. 16.

ⁿ Or, several walks, or, walks with pillars.

^o ch. 40. 16.
^p ver. 26.

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CHAPTER XLII.

1 The chambers for the priests. 13 The use thereof. 19 The measures of the outward court.

THEN he brought me forth into the utter court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into ^athe chamber that *was* over against the separate place, and which *was* before the building toward the north.

2 Before the length of an hundred cubits *was* the north door, and the breadth *was* fifty cubits.

3 Over against the twenty cubits which *were* for the inner court, and over against the pavement which *was* for the utter court, *was* ^bgallery against gallery in three stories.

4 And before the chambers *was* a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

5 Now the upper chambers *were* shorter: for the galleries ²were higher than these, ³than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

6 For they *were* in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore *the building* was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 And the wall that *was* without over against the chambers, toward the utter court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof *was* fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers that *were* in the utter court *was* fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple *were* an hundred cubits.

9 And ⁴from under these chambers *was* ⁵the entry on the east side, ⁶as one goeth into them from the utter court.

10 The chambers *were* in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

11 And ⁷the way before them *was* like the appearance of the cham-

bers which *were* toward the north, as long as they, *and* as broad as they: and all their goings out *were* both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 And according to the doors of the chambers that *were* toward the south *was* a door in the head of the way, *even* the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

13 ¶ Then said he unto me, The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which *are* before the separate place, they *be* holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD ^ashall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and ^cthe meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place *is* holy.

14 ¶ When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy *place* into the utter court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they *are* holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to *those things* which *are* for the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east, and measured it round about.

16 He measured the east ²side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

19 ¶ He turned about to the west side, *and* measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it by the four sides: ³it had a wall round about, ^bfive hundred *reeds* long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

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^a Lev. 6. 16, 26. & 24. 9.

^c Lev. 2. 3, 10. & 6. 14, 17, 25, 29. & 7. 1. & 10. 13, 14. Num. 18. 9, 10.

^f ch. 44. 19.

² Heb. *wind*.

³ ch. 40. 5.

^b ch. 45. 2.

^a ch. 41. 12, 15.

^b ch. 41. 16.

² Or, *did eat of these*.

³ Or, *and the building consisted of the lower and the middlemost*.

⁴ Or, *from the place*.

⁵ Or, *he that brought me*.

⁶ Or, *as he came*.

⁷ ver. 4.

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CHAPTER XLIII.

1 *The returning of the glory of God into the temple.* 7 *The sin of Israel hindered God's presence.* 10 *The prophet exhorteth them to repentance, and observation of the law of the house.* 13 *The measures,* 18 *and the ordinances of the altar.*

AFTERWARD he brought me to the gate, *even the gate* ^athat looketh toward the east:

2 ^bAnd, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and ^chis voice *was* like a noise of many waters: ^dand the earth shined with his glory.

3 And *it was* ^eaccording to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even according to the vision that I saw* ^fwhen I came ^gto destroy the city: and the visions *were* like the vision that I saw ^hby the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

4 ⁱAnd the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east.

5 ^jSo the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, ^kthe glory of the LORD filled the house.

6 And I heard *him* speaking unto me out of the house; and ^lthe man stood by me.

7 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, ^mthe place of my throne, and ⁿthe place of the soles of my feet, ^owhere I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel ^pno more defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by ^qthe carcasses of their kings in their high places.

8 ^rIn their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, ^sand the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.

9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and ^tthe carcasses of

their kings, far from me, ^uand I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

10 ¶ Thou son of man, ^vshew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the ^wpattern.

11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write *it* in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

12 This *is* the law of the house; Upon ^xthe top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about *shall be* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the house.

13 ¶ And these *are* the measures of the altar after the cubits: ^yThe cubit *is* a cubit and an hand breadth; even the ^zbottom *shall be* a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the ^{aa}edge thereof round about *shall be* a span: and this *shall be* the higher place of the altar.

14 And from the bottom *upon* the ground *even to* the lower settle *shall be* two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle *even to* the greater settle *shall be* four cubits, and the breadth *one* cubit.

15 So ^{ab}the altar *shall be* four cubits; and from ^{ac}the altar and upward *shall be* four horns.

16 And the altar *shall be* twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.

17 And the settle *shall be* fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it *shall be* half a cubit; and the bottom thereof *shall be* a cubit about; and ^{ad}his stairs *shall* look toward the east.

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^{ae} ver. 7.
^{af} ch. 40. 4.

^{ag} Or, *sum*, or, *number*.

^{ah} ch. 40. 2.

^{ai} ch. 40. 5. & 41. 8.

^{aj} Heb. *bosom*.

^{ak} Heb. *lip*.

^{al} Heb. *Harel*, that is, the mountain of God.

^{am} Heb. *Ariel*, that is, the lion of God, Isai. 29. 1.

^{an} See Exod. 20. 26.

^a ch. 10. 19. & 44. 1. & 46. 1.
^b ch. 11. 23.

^c ch. 1. 24.
Rev. 1. 15.
& 14. 2. & 19. 1. 6.

^d ch. 10. 4.
Rev. 18. 1.

^e ch. 1. 4, 28. & 8. 4.

^f Or, *when I came to prophesy that the city should be destroyed*:
See ch. 9. 1, 5.

^g So Jer. 1. 10.
^h ch. 1. 3. & 3. 23.

ⁱ See ch. 10. 19. & 44. 2.

^j ch. 3. 12, 14. & 8. 3.

^k 1 Kin. 8. 10, 11. ch. 44. 4.

^l ch. 40. 3.

^m Ps. 99. 1.

ⁿ 1 Chron. 28. 2.
Ps. 99. 5.

^o Ex. 29. 45.
Ps. 68. 16. & 132. 14.

Joel 3. 17.
John 1. 14.

2 Cor. 6. 16.

^p ch. 39. 7.

^q Lev. 26. 30.
Jer. 16. 18.

^r See 2 Kings 16. 14. & 21. 4, 5, 7.
ch. 8. 3. & 23. 39. & 44. 7.

^s Or, *for there was but a wall between me and them*.

^t ver. 7.

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574.^a Lev. 1. 5.^b ch. 44. 15.^c Ex. 29. 10, 12.
Lev. 8. 14, 15.
ch. 46. 18, 19.^d Ex. 29. 14.^e Hebr. 13. 11.^f Lev. 2. 13.^g Ex. 29. 35, 36.
Lev. 8. 33.^h Heb. *fill
their hands,*
Ex. 29. 24.ⁱ Lev. 9. 1.^j Or, *thank
offerings.*^k Job 42. 8.
ch. 20. 40, 41.
Rom. 12. 1.
1 Pet. 2. 5.

18 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord God; These *are* the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to ^asprinkle blood thereon.

19 And thou shalt give to ^bthe priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord God, ^ca young bullock for a sin offering.

20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put *it* on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he ^dshall burn it in the appointed place of the house, ^ewithout the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse *it* with the bullock.

23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing *it*, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, ^fand the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD.

25 ^gSeven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat *for* a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

26 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall ^hconsecrate themselves.

27 ⁱAnd when these days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon the eighth day, and *so* forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your ^jpeace offerings; and I will ^kaccept you, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XLIV.

¹ *The east gate assigned only to the prince.*
⁴ *The priests reprov'd for polluting of the sanctuary.* ⁹ *Idolaters incapable of the priest's office.* ¹⁵ *The sons of Zadok are accepted thereto.* ¹⁷ *Ordinances for the priests.*

THEN he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary ^awhich looketh toward the east; and it *was* shut.

2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; ^bbecause the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 *It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to ^ceat bread before the LORD; ^dhe shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 ¶ Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, ^ebehold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: ^fand I fell upon my face.

5 And the LORD said unto me, ^gSon of man, ^hmark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

6 And thou shalt say to the ⁱrebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; O ye house of Israel, ^jlet it suffice you of all your abominations,

7 ^kIn that ye have brought *into my sanctuary* ^lstrangers, ^muncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer ⁿmy bread, ^othe fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

8 And ye have not ^pkept the charge of mine holy things: but

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574.^a ch. 43. 1.^b ch. 43. 4.^c Gen. 31. 54.
1 Cor. 10. 18.
^d ch. 46. 2, 8.^e ch. 3. 23.
& 43. 5.^f ch. 1. 28.^g ch. 40. 4.
^h Heb. *set
thine heart.*ⁱ ch. 2. 5.^j ch. 45. 9.
1 Pet. 4. 3.^k ch. 43. 8.
ver. 9.
Acts 21. 28.^l Heb.
*children of
a stranger.*^m Lev. 22. 25.ⁿ Lev. 26. 41.
Deut. 10. 16.
Acts 7. 51.^o Lev. 21. 6, 8,
17, 21.^p Lev. 3. 16.
& 17. 11.^q Lev. 22. 2, &c.

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¹ Or, *ward*, or, *ordinance*:
And so
ver. 14, & 16,
& ch. 40. 45.
² ver. 7.

³ See 2 Kings
23. 8, &c.
2 Chron. 29.
4, 5.
ch. 48. 11.

⁴ 1 Chron. 26. 1.

⁵ 2 Chron. 29.
34.

⁶ Num. 16. 9.

⁷ Isai. 9. 16.
Mal. 2. 8.

⁸ Heb. *were*
for a *stumbling-*
block
of *iniquity*
unto, &c.
ch. 14. 3, 4.
⁹ Ps. 106. 26.

¹⁰ Num. 18. 3.
2 Kin. 23. 9.

¹¹ ch. 32. 30.
& 36. 7.

¹² Num. 18. 4.
1 Chron. 23.
28, 32.

¹³ ch. 40. 46.
& 43. 19.

¹⁴ 1 Sam. 2. 35.
¹⁵ ver. 10.

¹⁶ Deut. 10. 8.

¹⁷ ver. 7.

¹⁸ ch. 41. 22.

ye have set keepers of my ² charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God; ¹ No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that *is* among the children of Israel.

10 ¹ And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.

11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, ² *having* charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: ³ they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and ⁴ they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and ⁵ caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I ⁶ lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord God, and they shall bear their iniquity.

13 ⁷ And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy *place*: but they shall ⁸ bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them ⁹ keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 ¶ ¹⁰ But the priests the Levites, ¹¹ the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary ¹² when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they ¹³ shall stand before me to offer unto me ¹⁴ the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God:

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to ¹⁵ my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

17 ¶ And it shall come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates

of the inner court, ¹ they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 ² They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird *themselves* ³ with any thing that causeth sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the utter court, *even* into the utter court to the people, ¹ they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall ² not sanctify the people with their garments.

20 ³ Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

21 ⁴ Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a ¹ widow, nor her that is ² put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow ³ that had a priest before.

23 And ⁴ they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 And ¹ in controversy they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; ² and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

25 And they shall come at no ¹ dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And ² after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, ³ unto the inner

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¹ Ex. 28. 39, 40,
43. & 39. 27,
28.

² Ex. 28. 40, 42.
& 39. 28.

³ Or, *in sweat-*
ing places.

⁴ Heb. *in*, or,
with sweat.

⁵ ch. 42. 14.

⁶ ch. 46. 20.
See Ex. 29. 37.
& 30. 29.

Lev. 6. 27.
Matt. 23. 17,
19.

⁷ Lev. 21. 5.

⁸ Lev. 10. 9.

⁹ Lev. 21. 7, 13,
14.

¹⁰ Heb. *thrust*
forth.

¹¹ Heb. *from*
a priest.

¹² Lev. 10. 10,
11. ch. 22. 26.
Mal. 2. 7.

¹³ Deut. 17. 8,
&c. 2 Chron.
19. 8, 10.

¹⁴ See ch. 22. 26.

¹⁵ Lev. 21. 1, &c.

¹⁶ Num. 6. 10. &
19. 11, &c.

¹⁷ ver. 17.

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574.⁷ Lev. 4. 3.^a Num. 18. 20.
Deut. 10. 9.
& 18. 1, 2.
Josh. 13. 14,
33.^a Lev. 6. 18,
29. & 7. 6.^b Lev. 27. 21, 28,
compared with
Num. 18. 14.^a Or, devoted.^a Or, chief.^c Ex. 13. 2.
& 22. 29, 30.
& 23. 19.Num. 3. 13.
& 18. 12, 13.^d Num. 15. 20.
Neh. 10. 37.^e Prov. 3. 9, 10.
Mal. 3. 10.^f Ex. 22. 31.
Lev. 22. 8.⁴ Heb. when
ye cause the
land to fall.^a ch. 47. 22.^b ch. 48. 8.⁵ Heb. holiness.^c ch. 42. 20.⁶ Or, void
places.⁷ ch. 48. 10.⁸ ver. 1.
ch. 48. 10, &c.

court, to minister in the sanctuary, ⁷ he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord God.

28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I ^a am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I *am* their possession.

29 ^a They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and ^b every ² dedicated thing in Israel shall be their's.

30 And the ³ first of all the first-fruits of all *things*, and every oblation of all, of every *sort* of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye ^d shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, ^e that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is ^f dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

CHAPTER XLV.

1 *The portion of land for the sanctuary, 6 for the city, 7 and for the prince. 9 Ordinances for the prince.*

MOREOVER, ⁴ when ye shall ^a divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall ^b offer an oblation unto the LORD, ⁵ an holy portion of the land: the length *shall be* the length of five and twenty thousand *reeds*, and the breadth *shall be* ten thousand. This *shall be* holy in all the borders thereof round about.

2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary ^c five hundred *in length*, with five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the ⁶ suburbs thereof.

3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: ^d and in it shall be the sanctuary *and* the most holy *place*.

4 ^e The holy *portion* of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD:

and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the sanctuary.

5 ^f And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for ⁷ twenty chambers.

6 ^g ¶ ^h And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy *portion*: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 ⁱ ¶ ^j And a *portion shall be* for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy *portion*, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy *portion*, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length *shall be* over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.

8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and ^k my princes shall no more oppress my people; and *the rest of* the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 ^l ¶ Thus saith the Lord God; ¹ Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: ^m remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your ² exactions from my people, saith the Lord God.

10 Ye shall have just ⁿ balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

12 And the ^o shekel *shall be* twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

13 This *is* the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and

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574.^f ch. 48. 13.^g See ch. 40. 17.^h ch. 48. 15.ⁱ ch. 48. 21.^k ch. 46. 18.
See Jer. 22. 17.
ch. 22. 27.^l ch. 44. 6.^m Jer. 22. 3.ⁿ Heb. *expulsions*.^o Lev. 19. 35, 36.
Prov. 11. 1.^o Ex. 30. 13.
Lev. 27. 25.
Num. 3. 47.

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ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley :

14 Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, *ye shall offer* the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, *which is* an homer of ten baths ; for ten baths *are* an homer :

15 And one ² lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel ; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for ³ peace offerings, ⁴ to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord God.

16 All the people of the land ⁴ shall give this oblation ⁵ for the prince in Israel.

17 And it shall be the prince's part *to give* burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel : he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the ⁶ peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

18 Thus saith the Lord God ; In the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and ⁷ cleanse the sanctuary :

19 ⁸ And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put *it* upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 And so thou shalt do the seventh *day* of the month ⁹ for every one that erreth, and for *him that is* simple : so shall ye reconcile the house.

21 ¹⁰ In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days ; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land ¹¹ a bullock *for* a sin offering.

23 And ¹² seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering

to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days ; ¹³ and a kid of the goats daily *for* a sin offering.

24 ¹⁴ And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil for an ephah.

25 In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the ¹⁵ feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.

CHAPTER XLVI.

¹ Ordinances for the prince in his worship, 9 and for the people. 16 An order for the prince's inheritance. 19 The courts for boiling and baking.

THUS saith the Lord God ; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days ; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2 ² And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate : then he shall go forth ; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

4 And the burnt offering that ³ the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 ⁴ And the meat offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs ⁵ as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

6 And in the day of the new moon *it shall be* a young bullock without

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¹³ See Num. 28. 15, 22, 30. & 29. 5, 11, 16, 19, &c.
¹⁴ ch. 46. 5, 7.

¹⁵ Lev. 23. 34. Num. 29. 12. Deut. 16. 13.

² ch. 44. 3. ver. 8.

³ ch. 45. 17.

⁴ ch. 45. 24. ver. 7, 11.

⁵ Heb. the gift of his hand, Deut. 16. 17.

¹ Or, kid.

² Or, thank offerings.
³ Lev. 1. 4.

⁴ Heb. shall be for.
⁵ Or, with.

⁶ Or, thank offerings.

⁷ Lev. 16. 16.
⁸ ch. 43. 20.

⁹ Lev. 4. 27.

¹⁰ Ex. 12. 18. Lev. 23. 5, 6. Num. 9. 2, 3. & 28. 16, 17. Deut. 16. 1, &c.

¹¹ Lev. 4. 14.

¹² Lev. 23. 8.

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blemish, and six lambs, and a ram : they shall be without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

8 ^d And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 ¶ But when the people of the land ^e shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate ; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate : he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in ; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities ^f the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, ^g one shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day : then he shall go forth ; and after his going forth *one* shall shut the gate.

13 ^h Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the LORD of a lamb ² of the first year without blemish : thou shalt prepare it ³ every morning.

14 And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour ; a meat offering

continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.

15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning *for* a continual burnt offering.

16 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God ; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons' ; it *shall be* their possession by inheritance.

17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to ⁱ the year of liberty ; after it shall return to the prince : but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

18 Moreover ^k the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession ; *but* he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession : that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

19 ¶ After he brought me through the entry, which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north : and, behold, there *was* a place on the two sides westward.

20 Then said he unto me, This *is* the place where the priests shall ^l boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall ^m bake the meat offering ; that they bear *them* not out into the utter court, ⁿ to sanctify the people.

21 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court ; and, behold, ² in every corner of the court *there was* a court.

22 In the four corners of the court *there were* courts ³ joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad : these four ⁴ corners *were* of one measure.

23 And *there was* a row of building round about in them, round about them four, and *it was* made with boiling places under the rows round about.

24 Then said he unto me, These *are* the places of them that boil,

^d ver. 2.^e Ex. 23. 14,
—17.
Deut. 16. 16.^f ver. 5.^g ch. 44. 3.
ver. 2.^h Ex. 29. 38.
Num. 28. 3.ⁱ Heb. a son of
his year.^j Heb.
morning by
morning.ⁱ Lev. 25. 10.^k ch. 45. 8.^l 2 Chron. 35.

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^m Lev. 2. 4, 5, 7.ⁿ ch. 44. 19.² Heb. a court
in a corner of
a court, and
a court in a
corner of a
court.³ Or, made with
chimneys.⁴ Heb.
cornered.

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° See ver. 20.

° Joel 3. 18.
Zech. 13. 1.
& 14. 8.
Rev. 22. 1.

° ch. 40. 3.

° Heb. waters
of the ancles.° Heb. waters
of swimming.

° Heb. lip.

° ver. 12.
Rev. 22. 2.° Or, plain :
See Deut. 3.
17. & 4. 49.
Josh. 3. 16.

where the ministers of the house shall °boil the sacrifice of the people.

CHAPTER XLVII.

1 The vision of the holy waters. ° The virtue of them. 13 The borders of the land. 22 The division of it by lot.

AFTERWARD he brought me again unto the door of the house ; and, behold, °waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward : for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward ; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

3 And when °the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters ; the °waters were to the ancles.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters ; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through ; the waters were to the loins.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand ; and it was a river that I could not pass over : for the waters were risen, °waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

6 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this ? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the °bank of the river were very many °trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the °desert, and go into the sea : which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, that

every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the °rivers shall come, shall live : and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither : for they shall be healed ; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim ; they shall be a place to spread forth nets ; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish °of the great sea, exceeding many.

11 But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof °shall not be healed ; they shall be given to salt.

12 And °by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, °shall grow all trees for meat, °whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed : it shall bring forth °new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary : and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof °for °medicine.

13 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God ; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel : °Joseph shall have two portions.

14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another : concerning the which I °lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers : and this land shall °fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, °the way of Hethlon, as men go to °Zedad ;

16 °Hamath, °Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath ; °Hazar-hatticon, which is by the coast of Hauran.

17 And the border from the sea shall be °Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side.

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574.° Heb. two
rivers.° Num. 34. 6.
Josh. 23. 4.
ch. 48. 28.° Or, and that
which shall
not be healed.
° ver. 7.° Heb. shall
come up.° Job 8. 16.
Ps. 1. 3.
Jer. 17. 8.

° Or, principal.

° Or,
for bruises
and sores.

° Rev. 22. 2.

° Gen. 48. 5.
1 Chron. 5. 1.
ch. 48. 4, 5.

° Or, swore.

° Gen. 12. 7. &
13. 15. & 15. 7.
& 17. 8. &
26. 3. & 28. 13.
ch. 20. 5, 6,
28, 42.

° ch. 48. 29.

° ch. 48. 1.

° Num. 34. 8.

° Num. 34. 8.

° 2 Sam. 8. 8.

° Or, the
middle
village.° Num. 34. 9.
ch. 48. 1.

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574.^a Heb. from
between.^a Num. 20. 13.
Deut. 32. 51.
Ps. 81. 7.
ch. 48. 28.^a Or, Meribah.^a Or, valley.
^b Or, toward
Teman.^r See Eph. 3. 6.
Rev. 7. 9, 10.^a Rom. 10. 12.
Gal. 3. 28.
Col. 3. 11.^a ch. 47. 15, &c.^b Heb. one
portion.

18 And the east side ye shall measure ^a from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel *by* Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And *this is* the east side.

19 And the south side southward, from Tamar *even* to ^a the waters of ³ strife in Kadesh, the ⁴ river to the great sea. And *this is* ⁵ the south side southward.

20 The west side also *shall be* the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. *This is* the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.

22 ¶ And it shall come to pass, *that* ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, ^r and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: ^a and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give *him* his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER XLVIII.

1, 23 *The portions of the twelve tribes, 8 of the sanctuary, 15 of the city and suburbs, 21 and of the prince. 30 The dimensions and gates of the city.*

NOW these *are* the names of the tribes. ^a From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east *and* west; ^b *a portion for* Dan.

2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, *a portion for* Asher.

3 And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, *a portion for* Naphtali.

4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, *a portion for* Manasseh.

5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, *a portion for* Ephraim.

6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, *a portion for* Reuben.

7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, *a portion for* Judah.

8 ¶ And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be ^b the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand *reeds* in breadth, and in length as one of the *other* parts, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the LORD *shall be* of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth.

10 And for them, *even* for the priests, shall be *this* holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.

11 ^a ² *It shall be* for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my ³ charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, ^d as the Levites went astray.

12 And *this* oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.

13 And over against the border of the priests the Levites *shall have* five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length *shall be* five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

14 ^e And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land: for *it is* holy unto the LORD.

15 ¶ And the five thousand, that

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574.^b ch. 45. 1,—6.^c ch. 44. 15.^d Or, *The sanctified* portion shall be *for* the priests.^e Or, *ward*, or, *ordinance*.^d ch. 44. 10.^e Ex. 22. 29.
Lev. 27. 10,
28, 33.^f ch. 45. 6.

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574.^e ch. 42. 20.

are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be ^e a profane *place* for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof.

16 And these *shall be* the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.

17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy *portion shall be* ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy *portion*; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city.

^h ch. 45. 6.

19 ^h And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

20 All the oblation *shall be* five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.

ⁱ ch. 45. 7.

21 ¶ ⁱ And the residue *shall be* for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; ^k and the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in the midst thereof.

^k ver. 8, 10.

22 Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, *being* in the midst of *that* which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and

the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side, Benjamin *shall have* ^a a *portion*.

24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon *shall have* a *portion*.

25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Issachar a *portion*.

26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun a *portion*.

27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad a *portion*.

28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto ^l the waters of ³ strife in Kadesh, and to the river toward the great sea.

^l ch. 47. 19.
³ Heb. *Meribah-kadesh*.

29 ^m This *is* the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these *are* their portions, saith the Lord God.

^m ch. 47. 14, 21, 22.

30 ¶ And these *are* the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

31 ⁿ And the gates of the city *shall be* after the names of the tribes of Israel: ~~three~~ gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

ⁿ Rev. 21. 12, &c.

32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, *with* their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

35 *It was* round about eighteen thousand measures: ^o and the name of the city from *that* day *shall be*, ^p The Lord is there.

^o Jer. 33. 16.⁴ Heb. *Jehovah-shammah*: See Ex. 17. 15. Judg. 6. 24.^p Jer. 3. 17. Joel 3. 21. Zech. 2. 10. Rev. 21. 3. & 22. 3.BEFORE
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CHAPTER I.

¹ *Jehoiakim's captivity.* ³ *Ashpenaz taketh Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah.*
⁸ *They refusing the king's portion do prosper with pulse and water.* ¹⁷ *Their excellency in wisdom.*

IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah^a came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with ^b part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried ^c into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; ^d and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

³ ¶ And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring ^e certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

⁴ Children ^e in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and ^f whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

⁵ And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of ² the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might ^g stand before the king.

⁶ Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah:

⁷ ^h Unto whom the prince of the

eunuchs gave names: ⁱ for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishaël, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

⁸ ¶ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself ^j with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

⁹ Now ^k God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

¹⁰ And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces ² worse liking than the children which *are* of your ³ sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.

¹¹ Then said Daniel to ⁴ Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah,

¹² Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us ⁵ pulse ⁶ to eat, and water to drink.

¹³ Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

¹⁴ So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

¹⁵ And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the

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^{ch. 4. 8. & 5. 12.}

^{Deut. 32. 38. Ezek. 4. 13. Hos. 9. 3.}

^{See Gen. 29. 21. Ps. 106. 46. Prov. 16. 7.}

^{Heb. sadder. Or, term, or, continuance.}

^{Or, The steward.}

^{Heb. of pulse. Heb. that we may eat, &c.}

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children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 ¶ As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore

stood they before the king. 20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

CHAPTER II.

1 Nebuchadnezzar, forgetting his dream, requireth it of the Chaldeans, by promises and threatenings. 10 They acknowledging their inability are judged to die. 14 Daniel obtaining some respite findeth the dream. 19 He blesseth God. 24 He staying the decree is brought to the king. 31 The dream. 36 The interpretation. 46 Daniel's advancement.

AND in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.

8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.

10 ¶ The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

11 And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

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1 Kin. 1. 31.
ch. 3. 9. &
5. 10. & 6. 8, 21.

2 Kin. 10. 27.
Ezra 6. 11.
ch. 3. 29.

Chald. made
pieces.

ch. 5. 16.

Or, see,
ver. 48.
ch. 5. 17.

Chald. buy,
Eph. 5. 16.

Esth. 4. 11.

ver. 28.
ch. 5. 11.

1 Kin. 3. 12.
Jam. 1. 5, 17.

Acts 7. 22.

Or, he made
Daniel under-
stand.

Num. 12. 6.
2 Chron. 26. 5.
ch. 5. 11, 12,
14. & 10. 1.
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Gen. 41. 46,
ver. 5.

1 Kin. 10. 1.

Heb. wisdom
of under-
standing

ch. 6. 28.
& 10. 1.

He lived to see
that glorious
time of the
return of his
people from
the Baby-
lonian cap-
tivity, though
he did not
die then. So
till is used,
Ps. 110. 1.
& 112. 8.

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Gen. 41. 8.
ch. 4. 5.

Esth. 6. 1.
ch. 6. 18.

Gen. 41. 8.
Ex. 7. 11.
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^a Chald. re-
turned.
^b Or, chief
marshal.
^c Chald. chief
of the execu-
tioners, or,
slaughtermen,
Gen. 37. 36.

¹ Matt. 18. 19.

^b Chald. from
before God.
^c Or, that they
should not
destroy
Daniel, &c.

^{*} Num. 12. 6.
Job 33. 15, 16.

¹ Ps. 113. 2.
& 115. 18.
^m Jer. 32. 19.

ⁿ 1 Chron. 29.
30.
Esth. 1. 13.
ch. 7. 25.
& 11. 6.

^o Job 12. 18.
Ps. 75. 6, 7.
Jer. 27. 5.
ch. 4. 17.

^p Jam. 1. 5.
^q Job 12. 22.
Ps. 25. 14.
ver. 28, 29.
^r Ps. 139. 11, 12.
Hebr. 4. 13.
^s ch. 5. 11, 14.
Jam. 1. 17.

^t ver. 18.

14 ¶ Then Daniel ^aanswered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the ³⁴captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:

15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why *is* the decree *so* hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

18 ¹That they would desire mercies ⁵of the God of heaven concerning this secret; ⁶that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 ¶ Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel ^kin a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said, ¹Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: ^mfor wisdom and might are his:

21 And he changeth ⁿthe times and the seasons: ^ohe removeth kings, and setteth up kings: ^phe giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

22 ^qHe revealeth the deep and secret things: ^rhe knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and ^sthe light dwelleth with him.

23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we ^tdesired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.

24 ¶ Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise

men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, ²I have found a man of the ³captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded ~~can~~ not the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

28 ^uBut there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and ^vmaketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar ²what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts ⁵came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: ⁷and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

30 ^{*}But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living, ⁶but for *their* sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, ^{*}and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

31 ¶ Thou, O king, ⁷sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible.

32 ^bThis image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his ⁸thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out ⁹without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that*

BEFORE
CHRIST
603.

^a Chald. That
I have found.
^b Chald. chil-
dren of the
captivity of
Judah.

^u Gen. 30. 8.
& 41. 16.
ver. 28. 47.
Amos 3. 12.
^v Chald. hath
made known.
⁷ Gen. 49. 1.

⁵ Chald. *came*
up.
⁷ ver. 22. & 28.

^{*} So Gen. 41. 16.
Acts 3. 12.

⁶ Or, but for
the intent
that the in-
terpretation
may be made
known to the
king.
^a ver. 47.
⁷ Chald. wast
seeing.

^b See ver. 38.
&c.

^c Or, sides.

⁹ Or, which
was not in
hands;
as ver. 45.
^o ch. 8. 25.
Zech. 4. 6.
2 Cor. 5. 1.
Hebr. 9. 24.

BEFORE
CHRIST
603.

^d Ps. 1. 4.
Hos. 13. 3.
^e Ps. 37. 10, 36.
^f Isai. 2. 2, 3.
^g Ps. 80. 9.

^h Ezra 7. 12.
ⁱ Jer. 27. 8, 11.
Ezek. 26. 7.
Hos. 8. 10.
^j Ezra 1. 2.
^k ch. 4. 21, 22.
Jer. 27. 6.

^l ver. 32.

^m Ch. 5. 28, 31.
ⁿ ver. 32.

^o ch. 7. 7, 23.

^p ver. 33.

^q Or, brittle.

^r Chald. this
with this.

^s Chald. their
days.

were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

85 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became ^dlike the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that ^eno place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image ^fbecame a great mountain, ^gand filled the whole earth.

86 ¶ This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

87 ^hThou, O king, art a king of kings: ⁱfor the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

88 ^kAnd wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. ^lThou art this head of gold.

89 And after thee shall arise ^manother kingdom ⁿinferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And ^othe fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest ^pthe feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly ^qbroken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave ^rone to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

44 And in ^sthe days of these kings

^ashall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, ^twhich shall never be destroyed: and the ^ukingdom shall not be left to other people, ^vbut it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 ^tForasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain ^uwithout hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass ^vhereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

46 ¶ ^wThen the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation ^xand sweet odours unto him.

47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, ^yand a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, ^zand gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and ^achief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 Then Daniel requested of the king, ^band he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel ^csat in the gate of the king.

CHAPTER III.

¹ Nebuchadnezzar dedicateth a golden image in Dura. ⁸ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego are accused for not worshipping the image. ¹³ They, being threatened, make a good confession. ¹⁹ God delivereth them out of the furnace. ²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar seeing the miracle blesseth God.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

BEFORE
CHRIST
603.

^a ver. 28.
^b ch. 4. 3, 34.
& 6. 28. &
7. 14, 27.
Mic. 4. 7.
Luke 1. 32, 33.
^c Chald. king-
dom thereof.
^d Ps. 2. 9.
Isai. 60. 12.
1 Cor. 15. 24.
^e Isai. 28. 16.
ver. 35.
^f Or, which
was not in
hand.
^g Chald. after
this.

^h See Acts 10.
25. & 14. 13.
& 28. 6.

ⁱ Ezra 6. 10.

^j ver. 28.

^k ver. 6.

^l ch. 4. 9.
& 5. 11.

^m ch. 3. 12.

ⁿ Esth. 2. 19,
21. & 3. 2.

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2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then an herald cried ²aloud, ¹To you ³it is commanded, ⁴O people, nations, and languages,

5 *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, ⁴⁵dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

6 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour ^bbe cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 ¶ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans ^ccame near, and accused the Jews.

9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, ^dO king, live for ever.

10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

11 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, *that* he should be

cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 ^eThere are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, ²have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

13 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it* ³true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; ^f*well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; ^gand who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, ^h*we are* not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

19 ¶ Then was Nebuchadnezzar ⁱfull of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

20 And he commanded the ^jmost

BEFORE
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^e ch. 2. 49.

² Chald. *have set no regard upon thee.*

³ Or, *of purpose, as*
Ex. 21. 13.

^f As Ex. 32. 32.
Luke 13. 9.

^g Ex. 5. 2.
2 Kin. 18. 35.

^h Matt. 10. 19.

ⁱ Chald. *filled.*

^j Chald. *mighty of strength.*

^a Chald. *with might.*
^b Chald. *they command.*
^c ch. 4. 1. & 6. 25.

^d Or, *singing.*
^e Chald. *symphony.*

^b Jer. 29. 22.
Rev. 13. 15.

^c ch. 6. 12.

^d ch. 2. 4.
& 5. 10. & 6. 6, 21.

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CHRIST
cir. 580.

^a Or, mantles.
^b Or, turbans.

^c Chald. word.
^d Or, spark.

^e Or, governors.

^f Isai. 43. 2.
^g Chald. there is no hurt in them.
^h Job 1. 6. & 38. 7. Ps. 34. 7. ver. 28.
ⁱ Chald. door.

^j Hebr. 11. 34.

^k Ps. 34. 7, 8. Jer. 17. 7. ch. 6. 22, 23.

mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their ^acoats, their hosen, and their ^bhats, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore because the king's ^ccommandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the ^dflame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his ^ecounsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, ^fwalking in the midst of the fire, and ^gthey have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like ^hthe Son of God.

26 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the ⁱmouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, ^jupon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

28 *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that ^ktrusted in him, and have changed the king's

word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

29 ^aTherefore ^bI make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak ^cany thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be ^dcut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: ^ebecause there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

30 Then the king ^fpromoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

CHAPTER IV.

¹ *Nebuchadnezzar confesseth God's kingdom, 4 maketh relation of his dreams, which the magicians could not interpret. 8 Daniel heareth the dream. 19 He interpreteth it. 28 The story of the event.*

NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king, ^aunto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

2 ^bI thought it good to shew the signs and wonders ^cthat the high God hath wrought toward me.

3 ^dHow great *are* his signs! and how mighty *are* his wonders! his kingdom *is* ^ean everlasting kingdom, and his dominion *is* from generation to generation.

4 ¶ I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:

5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, ^fand the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head ^gtroubled me.

6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.

7 ^hThen came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.

8 ¶ But at the last Daniel came in

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 580.

^a ch. 6. 26.
^b Chald. a decree is made by me.
^c Chald. error.

^d ch. 2. 5.
^e Chald. made pieces.
^f ch. 6. 27.

^g Chald. made to prosper.

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^h ch. 3. 4. & 6. 25.

ⁱ Chald. It was seemly before me.

^j ch. 3. 26.
^k ch. 6. 27.

^l ver. 34. ch. 2. 44. & 6. 26.

^m ch. 2. 28, 29.

ⁿ ch. 2. 1.

^o ch. 2. 2.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 570.

^a ch. 1. 7.
¹ Isai. 63. 11.
ver. 18.
ch. 2. 11.
& 5. 11, 14.
² ch. 2. 48.
& 5. 11.

^a Chald. *I was seeing.*
¹ Ezek. 31. 3,
& c. ver. 20.

^m Ezek. 17. 23.
& 31. 6.
See Lam. 4. 20.

ⁿ Ps. 103. 20.
ver. 17, 23.
^o Deut. 33. 2.
ch. 8. 13.
Zech. 14. 5.
Jude 14.

^p Chald. *with might.*
^r Matt. 3. 10.
^q Ezek. 31. 12.

^r ch. 11. 13.
& 12. 7.

^s Ps. 9. 16.
^t ch. 2. 21.
& 5. 21.
ver. 25, 32.

before me, ^h whose name *was* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, ⁱ and in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, *saying*,

⁹ O Belteshazzar, ^k master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

¹⁰ Thus *were* the visions of mine head in my bed; ² I saw, and behold ¹ a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof *was* great.

¹¹ The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:

¹² The leaves thereof *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: ^m the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

¹³ I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, ⁿ a watcher and ^o an holy one came down from heaven;

¹⁴ He cried ³ aloud, and said thus, ^p Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: ^q let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:

¹⁵ Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

¹⁶ Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven ^r times pass over him.

¹⁷ This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent ^s that the living may know ^t that the most High ruleth in the

kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

¹⁸ This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, ^u forasmuch as all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou *art* able; ^v for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee.

¹⁹ ¶ Then Daniel, ^w whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, ^x the dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.

²⁰ ^y The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth;

²¹ Whose leaves *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:

²² ^z It *is* thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, ^a and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

²³ ^b And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, ^c and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;

²⁴ This *is* the interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 570.

^u Gen. 41. 8, 15.
ch. 5. 8, 15.

^v ver. 8.

^w ver. 8.

^x See 2 Sam. 18.
32. Jer. 29. 7.

^y ver. 10, 11, 12.

^z ch. 2. 38.

^a Jer. 27. 6, 7, 8.

^b ver. 13.

^c ch. 5. 21.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 570.^f ver. 32.
ch. 5. 21, &c.
^g Ps. 106. 20.^h Ps. 83. 18.
ver. 17, 32.ⁱ Jer. 27. 5.^k Matt. 21. 25.
Luke 15. 18,
21.^l 1 Pet. 4. 8.^m Ps. 41. 1, &c.ⁿ Or, an healing
of thine error.^o 1 Kin. 21. 29.^p Or, upon.^q Prov. 16. 18.
ch. 5. 20.^r ch. 5. 5.
Luke 12. 20.
^s ver. 24.cir. 569.
^t ver. 25.

25 That they shall ^r drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee ^s to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, ^h till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and ⁱ giveth it to whomsoever he will.

26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the ^k heavens do rule.

27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and ^l break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; ^m if it may be ⁿ a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

28 ¶ All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months he walked ^o in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king ^q spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

31 ^p While the word *was* in the king's mouth, there fell ^a a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And ^r they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.

34 And ^{at} the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him ^t that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* ^u an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation:

35 And ^v all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and ^w he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and ^x none can stay his hand, or say unto him, ^y What doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; ^z and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was ^{aa} added unto me.

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, ^{ab} all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: ^{ac} and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

CHAPTER V.

1 *Belshazzar's impious feast.* 5 *A handwriting, unknown to the magicians, troubleth the king.* 10 *At the commendation of the queen Daniel is brought.* 17 *He, reproving the king of pride and idolatry,* 25 *readeth and interpreteth the writing.* 30 *The monarchy is translated to the Medes.*

BELSHAZZAR the king ^{ad} made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels ^{ae} which his ^{af} father Nebuchadnezzar had ^{ag} taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king,

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 563.^{ah} ver. 26.^{ai} ch. 12. 7.
Rev. 4. 10.^{aj} Ps. 10. 16.
ch. 2. 44.
& 7. 14.^{ak} Mic. 4. 7.
Luke 1. 33.^{al} Isai. 40. 15, 17.^{am} Ps. 115. 3.
& 135. 6.^{an} Job 34. 29.^{ao} Job 9. 12.
Isai. 45. 9.
Rom. 9. 20.^{ap} ver. 26.^{aq} Job 42. 12.
Prov. 22. 4.
Matt. 6. 33.^{ar} Ps. 33. 4.
Rev. 15. 3.
& 16. 7.^{as} Ex. 18. 11.
ch. 5. 20.cir. 538.
^{at} Esth. 1. 3.^{au} ch. 1. 2.
Jer. 52. 19.^{av} Or, grand-
father:^{aw} as Jer. 27. 7.
2 Sam. 9. 7.
2 Chron. 15. 16.
ver. 11, 13.^{ax} Chald.
brought forth.

BEFORE CHRIST cir. 538.			BEFORE CHRIST cir. 538.
^c Rev. 9. 20.	and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.	and shewing of hard sentences, and ² dissolving of ³ doubts, were found	² Or, of a dis- solver.
^d ch. 4. 31.	4 They drank wine, ^e and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.	in the same Daniel, ^p whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.	³ Chald. knots.
	5 ¶ ^d In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.	13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, <i>Art</i> thou that Daniel, which <i>art</i> of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my ⁴ father brought out of Jewry?	^p ch. 1. 7.
² Chald. brightnesses, ver. 9.	6 Then the king's ² countenance ³ was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the ⁴ joints of his loins were loosed, and his ^e knees smote one against another.	14 I have even heard of thee, that ^a the spirit of the gods <i>is</i> in thee, and <i>that</i> light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.	⁴ Or, grand-father.
³ Chald. changed it.	7 ^f The king cried ^e aloud to bring in ^g the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise <i>men</i> of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with ⁷ scarlet, and <i>have</i> a chain of gold about his neck, ^h and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.	15 And now ^r the wise <i>men</i> , the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing:	⁴ ver. 11, 12.
⁴ Or, girdles, Isai. 5. 27.	8 Then came in all the king's wise <i>men</i> : ⁱ but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.	16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst ^b make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: ^a now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and <i>have</i> a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.	⁵ ver. 7, 8.
⁵ Chald. bindings, or, knots.	9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly ^k troubled, and his ⁸ countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished.	17 ¶ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy ⁶ rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.	⁶ Chald. interpret.
⁶ Nah. 2. 10.	10 ¶ <i>Now</i> the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, ¹ O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed:	18 O thou king, ^t the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:	⁷ ver. 7.
⁷ ch. 2. 2. & 4. 6.	11 ^m There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom <i>is</i> the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy ⁹ father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy ² father, the king, <i>I say</i> , thy father, made ⁿ master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;	19 And for the majesty that he gave him, ^u all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.	⁸ Or, see, as ch. 2. 6.
⁸ Chald. with might.	12 ^o Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, ³ interpreting of dreams,	20 ^x But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened ⁷ in pride, he was ⁸ deposed from his	⁹ ch. 2. 37, 38. & 4. 17, 22, 25.
⁹ Isai. 47. 13.			^u Jer. 27. 7. ch. 3. 4.
⁷ Or, purple.			^x ch. 4. 30, 37.
^h ch. 6. 2.			⁷ Or, to deal proudly, Ex. 18. 11.
¹ ch. 2. 27. & 4. 7.			⁸ Chald. made to come down.
^k ch. 2. 1.			
⁸ Chald. brightnesses, ver. 6.			
¹ ch. 2. 4. & 3. 9.			
^m ch. 2. 48. & 4. 8, 9, 18.			
⁹ Or, grand-father, ver. 2.			
³ Or, grand-father, ver. 2.			
ⁿ ch. 4. 9.			
^o ch. 6. 3.			
¹ Or, of an interpreter, &c.			

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⁷ ch. 4. 32, &c.
⁸ Or, he made
his heart
equal, &c.

⁸ ch. 4. 17, 25.

⁹ 2 Chron. 33.
23. & 36. 12.

^b ver. 3, 4.

^c Pa. 115. 5, 6.

^d Jer. 10. 23.

^e Job 31. 6.
Pa. 62. 9.
Jer. 6. 30.

^f Foretold,
Isai. 21. 2.
ver. 31.
ch. 9. 1.
^g ch. 6. 28.

^h ver. 7.

cir. 538.
ⁱ Jer. 51. 31,
33, 37.
^j ch. 9. 1.
^k Chald. he as
the son of, &c.
^l Or, now.

kingly throne, and they took his glory from him :

21 And he was ⁷ driven from the sons of men ; and ⁸ his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses : they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven ; ⁹ till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, ^a hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this ;

23 ^b But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven ; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them ; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, ^c which see not, nor hear, nor know : and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, ^d and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified :

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him ; and this writing was written.

25 ¶ And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing : MENE ; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TEKEL ; ^e Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 PÉRES ; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the ^f Medes and ^g Persians.

29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, ^h that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 ¶ ⁱ In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

31 ^j And Darius the Median took the kingdom, ^k being ^l about three-score and two years old.

CHAPTER VI.

¹ Daniel is made chief of the presidents. ⁴ They conspiring against him obtain an idolatrous decree. ¹⁰ Daniel, accused of the breach thereof, is cast into the lions' den. ¹⁸ Daniel is saved. ²⁴ His adversaries devoured, ²⁵ and God magnified by a decree.

IT pleased Darius to set ^a over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom ;

² And over these three presidents ; of whom Daniel *was* first : that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

³ Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, ^b because an excellent spirit *was* in him ; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

⁴ ¶ ^c Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom ; but they could find none occasion nor fault ; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

⁵ Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.

⁶ Then these presidents and princes ² assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, ^d King Darius, live for ever.

⁷ All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm ³ decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

⁸ Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the ^e law of the Medes and Persians, which ^f altereth not.

⁹ Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

¹⁰ ¶ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 538:

^a Esth. 1. 1.

^b ch. 5. 12.

cir. 537.
^c Eccles. 4. 4.

^d Or, came tumultuously.
^e Neh. 2. 3.
ver. 21.
ch. 2. 4.

^f Or, interdict.

^g Esth. 1. 19.
& 8. 8.
ver. 12, 15.
^h Chald. passeth not.

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CHRIST
cir. 537.

^r 1 Kin. 8. 44,
48. Ps. 5. 7.
Jonah 2. 4.
^s Ps. 55. 17.
Acts 2. 1, 2,
15. & 3. 1.
& 10. 9.

^h ch. 3. 8.

ⁱ ver. 8.

^k ch. 1. 6. &
5. 13.

^l ch. 3. 12.

^m So Mark 6.
26.

ⁿ ver. 8.

^o Lam. 3. 53.

^p So Matt. 27.
66.

into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber ^t toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees ^u three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 ^h Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, ⁱ according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, ^k which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, ^l regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard *these* words, ^m was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that ⁿ the law of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

17 ^o And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; ^p and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

18 ¶ Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fast-

ing: neither were ^q instruments of musick brought before him: ^r and his sleep went from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, ^s is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, ^t O king, live for ever.

22 ¶ My God hath sent his angel, and hath ^u shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, ^v because he believed in his God.

24 ¶ And the king commanded, ^w and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, *them*, ^x their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

25 ¶ ^y Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

26 ^z I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men ^a tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: ^b for he *is* the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be ^c destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end.

27 He delivereth and rescueth, ^d and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the ^e power of the lions.

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^f Or, *table*.
^g ch. 2. 1.

^h ch. 3. 15.

ⁱ ch. 2. 4.

^j ch. 3. 28.

^k Hebr. 11. 33.

^l Hebr. 11. 33.

^m Deut. 19. 19.

ⁿ Esth. 9. 10.
See Deut. 24.
16.
^o 2 Kin. 14. 6.

^p ch. 4. 1.

^q ch. 3. 29.

^r Ps. 99. 1.

^s ch. 4. 34.

^t ch. 2. 44.
& 4. 3, 34.
& 7. 14, 27.
Luke 1. 33.

^u ch. 4. 3.

^v Heb. *hand*.

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CHRIST
cir. 537.

^a ch. 1. 21.
^b Ezra 1. 1, 2.

cir. 555.

^a Num. 12. 6.
Amos 3. 7.
^b Chald. *scav.*
^c ch. 2. 28.

^d Or, *words.*

^e Rev. 13. 1.

^d Deut. 28. 49.
² Sam. 1. 23.
Jer. 4. 7, 13.
& 48. 40.
Ezek. 17. 3.
Hab. 1. 8.

⁴ Or, *where-with.*

^e ch. 2. 39.

⁵ Or, *it raised up one dominion.*

^f ch. 8. 8, 22.

^g ch. 2. 40.
ver. 19, 23.

^h ch. 2. 41.
Rev. 13. 1.

ⁱ ver. 20, 21, 24.
ch. 8. 9.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, ^aand in the reign of ^bCyrus the Persian.

CHAPTER VII.

1 *Daniel's vision of four beasts.* ⁹ *Of God's kingdom.* 15 *The interpretation thereof.*

IN the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon ^aDaniel ²had a dream and ^bvisions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the ³matters.

2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

3 And four great beasts ^ccame up from the sea, diverse one from another.

4 The first *was* ^dlike a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, ^eand it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 ^fAnd behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and ⁵it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also ⁷four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold ⁸a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; ^hand it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, ⁱthere came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like

the eyes ^kof man, ¹and a mouth speaking great things.

9 ⁹ ^mI beheld till the thrones were cast down, and ⁿthe Ancient of days did sit, ^owhose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, ^pand his wheels *as* burning fire.

10 ^qA fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: ^rthousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: ^sthe judgment was set, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: ^tI beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet ²their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, ^uone like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to ^xthe Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 ^vAnd there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all ^ypeople, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* ^zan everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

15 ⁹ ¹I Daniel ^bwas grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* ³body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 ^cThese great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

18 But ^dthe saints of the ⁴most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

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^k Rev. 9. 7.

¹ Ps. 12. 3.

ver. 25.

Rev. 13. 5.

^m Rev. 20. 4.

ⁿ Ps. 90. 2.

ver. 13, 22.

^o Ps. 104. 2.

Rev. 1. 14.

^p Ezek. 1. 15, 16.

^q Ps. 50. 3.

& 97. 3.

Isai. 30. 33.

& 66. 15.

^r 1 Kin. 22. 19.

Ps. 68. 17.

Hebr. 12. 22.

Rev. 5. 11.

^s Rev. 20. 4, 12.

^t Rev. 19. 20.

² Chald. *a prolonging in life was given them.*

^u Ezek. 1. 26.

Matt. 24. 30.

& 26. 64.

Rev. 1. 7, 13.

& 14. 14.

^z ver. 9.

^y Ps. 2. 6, 7, 8.

& 8. 6. &

110. 1, 2.

Matt. 11. 27.

& 28. 18.

John 3. 35.

1 Cor. 15. 27.

Eph. 1. 22.

^z ch. 3. 4.

^a Ps. 145. 13.

ch. 2. 44.

ver. 27.

Mic. 4. 7.

Luke 1. 33.

John 12. 34.

Hebr. 12. 28.

^b ver. 28.

³ Chald. *sheath.*

^c ver. 3.

^d Isai. 60. 12,

13, 14.

ver. 22, 27.

2 Tim. 2. 11, 12.

Rev. 2. 26, 27.

& 3. 21. &

20. 4.

⁴ Chald. *high ones, that is, things, or, places.*

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 555.

^o ver. 7.
^a Chald. from
all those.

^f ch. 8. 12, 24.
& 11. 31.
Rev. 11. 7. &
13. 7. & 17. 14.
& 19. 19.

^u ver. 9.

^h ver. 18.
1 Cor. 6. 2.
Rev. 1. 6. &
5. 10. & 20. 4.

ⁱ ch. 2. 40.

^k ver. 7, 8, 20.
Rev. 17. 12.

^l Isai. 37. 23.
ch. 8. 24, 25.
& 11. 28, 30,
31, 36.

Rev. 13. 5, 6.

^m Rev. 17. 6.
& 18. 24.

ⁿ ch. 2. 21.

^o Rev. 13. 7.

^p ch. 12. 7.
Rev. 12. 14.

^q ver. 10, 22.

^r ver. 14, 18, 22.

^s ch. 2. 44.
Luke 1. 33.
John 12. 34.
Rev. 11. 15.

^t Isai. 60. 12.

^u Or, rulers.

19 Then I would know the truth of ^o the fourth beast, which was diverse ² from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were* of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows.

21 I beheld, ^f and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

22 ^u Until the Ancient of days came, ^h and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be ⁱ the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 ^k And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 ^l And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall ^m wear out the saints of the most High, and ⁿ think to change times and laws: and ^o they shall be given into his hand ^p until a time of times and the dividing of times.

26 ^q But the judgment and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and it unto the end.

27 And the ^r kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the most High, ^s and his kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and his dominions shall endure unto the end of the world.

28 Hitherto. As I saw these visions, my countenance was changed, and I kept the

¹ Daniel's vision.
The two sacrifices interpreted.

IN the first year of the king, I saw a vision, and after that I saw another vision.

2 And I came to Babylon, and I saw the vision, and I saw the vision, and I saw the vision.

3 And I saw the vision, and I saw the vision, and I saw the vision, and I saw the vision.

4 And I saw the vision, and I saw the vision, and I saw the vision, and I saw the vision.

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^a ch. 1. 21. &
5. 31. & 6. 28.
^b Or, *in which*
he, &c.

^b 2 Chron. 36.
21.
Jer. 25. 11, 12.
& 29. 10.

^c Neh. 1. 4.
Jer. 29. 12, 13.
ch. 6. 10.
Jam. 4. 8, 9, 10.

^d Ex. 20. 6.
Dout. 7. 9.
Neh. 1. 5.
& 9. 32.

^e 1 Kin. 8. 47, 48.
Neh. 1. 6, 7.
& 9. 33, 34.
Ps. 106. 6.
Isai. 64. 5, 6, 7.
Jer. 14. 7.
ver. 15.

^f 2 Chron. 36.
15, 16.
ver. 10.

^g Neh. 9. 33.
^h Or, *thou hast,*
&c.

ⁱ ver. 7.

^j Neh. 9. 17.
Ps. 130. 4, 7.

^k ver. 6.

IN the first year ^aof Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, ^bwhich was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to ^bJeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 ¶ ^cAnd I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O ^dLord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

5 ^eWe have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

6 ^fNeither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, ^grighteousness ^h*belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are near, and that are far off*, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

8 O Lord, to us *belongeth* ⁱconfusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

9 ^jTo the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

10 ^kNeither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11 Yea, ^lall Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that *is* written in the ^mlaw of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

12 And he hath ⁿconfirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: ^ofor under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

13 ^pAs *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: ^qyet ^rmade we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

14 Therefore hath the LORD ^swatched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for ^tthe LORD our God *is* righteous in all his works which he doeth: ^ufor we obeyed not his voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, ^vthat hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast ^wgotten thee ^xrenown, as at this day; ^ywe have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16 ¶ O Lord, ^zaccording to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, ^athy holy mountain: because for our sins, ^band for the iniquities of our fathers, ^cJerusalem and thy people ^d*are become* a reproach to all *that are about us*.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, ^eand cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary ^fthat is desolate, ^gfor the Lord's sake.

18 ^hO my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, ⁱand behold our desolations, and the city ^jwhich is called by thy name: for we do not ^kpresent our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

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^l Isai. 1. 4, 5, 6.
Jer. 8. 5, 10.

^m Lev. 26. 14,
&c. Deut.
27. 15, &c.
& 28. 15, &c.
& 29. 20, &c.
& 30. 17, 18.
& 31. 17, &c.
& 32. 19, &c.
Lam. 2. 17.
ⁿ Zech. 1. 6.

^o Lam. 1. 12.
& 2. 13.
Ezek. 5. 9.
Amos 3. 2.

^p Lev. 26. 14, &c.
Deut. 28. 15.
Lam. 2. 17.

^q Isai. 9. 13.
Jer. 2. 30.
& 5. 3.

^r Hos. 7. 7, 10.

^s Heb. *intreated*
we not the
face of the, &c.
^t Jer. 31. 28.
& 44. 27.

^u Neh. 9. 33.
ver. 7.

^v ver. 10.

^w Ex. 6. 1, 6.
& 32. 11.
1 Kin. 8. 51.
Neh. 1. 10.
Jer. 32. 21.

^x Heb. *made*
thee a name.

^y Ex. 14. 18.
Neh. 9. 10.
Jer. 32. 20.
ver. 5.

^z 1 Sam. 12. 7.
Ps. 31. 1.
& 71. 2.
Mic. 6. 4, 5.

^a ver. 20.
Zech. 8. 3.

^b Ex. 20. 5.

^c Lam. 2. 15, 16.
^d Ps. 44. 13, 14.
& 79. 4.

^e Num. 6. 25.
Ps. 67. 1. &
80. 3, 7, 19.

^f Lam. 5. 18.
^g ver. 19.

John 16. 24.
^h Isai. 37. 17.

ⁱ Ex. 3. 7.
Ps. 80. 14, &c.

^j Jer. 25. 29.

^k Heb.
whereupon
thy name is
called.

^l Heb. *came*
to fall,
Jer. 36. 7.

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CHRIST
cir. 538.¹ Ps. 79. 9, 10.
& 102. 15, 16.² Ps. 32. 5.
Isai. 65. 24.³ ch. 8. 16.⁴ Heb. *with weariness, or, fight.*⁵ ch. 8. 18.
& 10. 10, 16.⁶ 1 Kin. 18. 36.⁷ Heb. *to make thee skilful of understanding.*⁸ Heb. *word.*⁹ ch. 10. 12.¹⁰ ch. 10. 11, 19.¹¹ Heb. *a man of desires.*¹² Matt. 24. 15.¹³ * They begin from the 20th of Artaxerxes. See Num. 14. 34. Ezek. 4. 6.¹⁴ Or, *to restrain.*¹⁵ Or, *to seal up,* Lam. 4. 22.¹⁶ Isai. 53. 10.¹⁷ Isai. 53. 11.¹⁸ Jer. 23. 5, 6.¹⁹ Hebr. 9. 12.²⁰ Rev. 14. 6.²¹ Heb. *prophet.*²² Ps. 45. 7.²³ Luke 1. 35.²⁴ John 1. 41.²⁵ Hebr. 9. 11.²⁶ ver. 23.²⁷ Matt. 24. 15.²⁸ Esra 4. 24.²⁹ & 6. 1, 15.³⁰ & 7. 1, &c.³¹ Neh. 2. 1, 3,³² 5, 6, 8.³³ Or, *to build again Jeru-*³⁴ *salem: as*³⁵ *2 Sam. 15. 25.*³⁶ *Ps. 71. 20.*³⁷ *John 1. 41.*³⁸ *& 4. 25.*³⁹ *Isai. 55. 4.*⁴⁰ *Heb. shall return and be built.*⁴¹ Or, *breach,*⁴² *or, ditch.*⁴³ *Neh. 4. 8, 16,*⁴⁴ *17, 18. & 6. 15.*⁴⁵ *Heb. in strait*⁴⁶ *of times.*⁴⁷ *Isai. 53. 8.*⁴⁸ *Mark 9. 12.*⁴⁹ *Luke 24. 26,*⁵⁰ *46.*⁵¹ *1 Pet. 2. 21.*⁵² *& 3. 18.*⁵³ Or, *and shall*⁵⁴ *have nothing,*⁵⁵ *John 14. 30.*⁵⁶ Or, *and [the Jews] they shall be no more his people,*⁵⁷ *ch. 11. 17. or, and the*⁵⁸ *prince's [Messiah's, ver. 25.] future people.*⁵⁹ *Matt. 22. 7.*⁶⁰ *Luke 19. 44.*⁶¹ *Matt. 24. 2.*

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, ¹for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

20 ¶ ²And whiles I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man ³Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly ⁴swiftly, ⁵° touched me ⁶about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth ⁷to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the ⁸commandment came forth, and ⁹I am come to shew *thee*; ¹⁰for thou *art* ¹¹greatly beloved: therefore ¹²understand the matter, and consider the vision.

24 * Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, ¹³to finish the transgression, and ¹⁴to make an end of sins, ¹⁵and to make reconciliation for iniquity, ¹⁶and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and ¹⁷prophecy, ¹⁸and to anoint the most Holy.

25 ¹⁹Know therefore and understand, *that* ²⁰from the going forth of the commandment ²¹to restore and to build Jerusalem unto ²²the Messiah ²³the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street ²⁴shall be built again, and the ²⁵wall, ²⁶even ²⁷in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks ²⁸shall Messiah be cut off, ²⁹° but not for himself: ³⁰and ³¹the people of the prince that shall come ³²shall destroy the city ³³and the sanctuary; ³⁴and the end thereof *shall be* ³⁵with a flood, and unto

the end of the war ³⁶desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm ³⁷the covenant with ³⁸many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, ³⁹and for the overspreading of ⁴⁰abominations he shall make *it* desolate, ⁴¹° even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured ⁴²upon the desolate.

⁴³ Or, *and upon the battlements shall be the idols of the desolator.* Mark 13. 14. Luke 21. 20. ⁴⁴ See Isai. 10. 22, 23. & 28. Luke 21. 24. Rom. 11. 26. ⁴⁵ Or, *upon the desolator.*

CHAPTER X.

¹ Daniel having humbled himself seeth a vision.

¹⁰ Being troubled with fear he is comforted by the angel.

IN the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, ²whose name was called Belteshazzar; ³and the thing *was* true, ⁴but the time appointed *was* ⁵long: and ⁶he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three ⁷full weeks.

3 I ate no ⁸pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, ⁹neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* ¹⁰Hiddekel;

5 Then ¹¹I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and ¹²behold ¹³a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins *were* ¹⁴girded with ¹⁵fine gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also *was* ¹⁶like the beryl, and his face ¹⁷as the appearance of lightning, ¹⁸and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms ¹⁹and his feet like in colour to polished brass, ²⁰and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel ²¹alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

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CHRIST
cir. 538.¹ Or, *it shall be cut off by desolations.*² Or, *a.*³ Isai. 42. 6. & 55. 3.⁴ Jer. 31. 31. Ezek. 16. 60, 61, 62.⁵ Isai. 53. 11. Matt. 26. 28. Rom. 5. 15, 19. Hebr. 9. 28.⁶ Matt. 24. 15.⁷ ch. 11. 36.

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⁸ ch. 1. 7.⁹ ch. 8. 26.¹⁰ Rev. 19. 9.¹¹ ver. 14.¹² Heb. *great.*¹³ ch. 1. 17.¹⁴ & 8. 16.¹⁵ Heb. *weeks of days.*¹⁶ Heb. *bread of desires.*¹⁷ Matt. 6. 17.¹⁸ Gen. 2. 14.¹⁹ Josh. 5. 13.²⁰ ch. 12. 6, 7.²¹ Heb. *one man.*²² Rev. 1. 13, 14, 15. & 15. 6.²³ Jer. 10. 9.²⁴ Ezek. 1. 16.²⁵ Ezek. 1. 14.²⁶ Rev. 1. 14.²⁷ & 19. 12.²⁸ Ezek. 1. 7.²⁹ Rev. 1. 15.³⁰ Ezek. 1. 24.³¹ Rev. 1. 15.³² 2 Kin. 6. 17.³³ Acts 9. 7.

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^r ch. 8. 27.
^s Or, *eigour*.
^u ch. 7. 28.

^t ch. 8. 18.

^u Jer. 1. 9.
ch. 9. 21.
Rev. 1. 17.
^s Heb. *moved*.

^x ch. 9. 23.
⁴ Heb. *a man of desires*.
⁵ Heb. *stand upon thy standing*.

^y Rev. 1. 17.

^z ch. 9. 3, 4,
22, 23.
Acts 10. 4.

^a ver. 20.

^b ver. 21.
ch. 12. 1.
Jude 9.
Rev. 12. 7.
^c Or, *the first*.

^d Gen. 49. 1.
ch. 2. 28.
^e ch. 8. 26.
ver. 1.
Hab. 2. 3.
^f ver. 9.
ch. 8. 18.

^g ch. 8. 15.

^h ver. 10.
Jer. 1. 9.

ⁱ ver. 8.

^j Or, *this servant of my lord*.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my ²comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10 ¶ And, behold, an hand touched me, which ³set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, ^xa man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and ⁵stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

12 Then said he unto me, ^yFear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, ^zthy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, ^bMichael, ⁶one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people ^oin the latter days: ^dfor yet the vision *is* for many days.

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, ^oI set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, ^fone like the similitude of the sons of men ^stouched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision ^hmy sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can ^jthe servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway

there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

19 And said, O man greatly beloved, ^kfear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight ^lwith the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that ²holdeth with me in these things, ^mbut Michael your prince.

CHAPTER XI.

1 *The overthrow of Persia by the king of Grecia.*
5 *Leagues and conflicts between the kings of the south and of the north.* 30 *The invasion and tyranny of the Romans.*

ALSO I ^ain the first year of ^bDarius the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than *they* all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

3 And ^ca mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and ^ddo according to his will.

4 And when he shall stand up, ^ehis kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, ^fnor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, *even* for others beside those.

5 ¶ And the king of the south shall be strong, and *one* of his princes; and he shall be strong above him,

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^l ver. 11.
^k Judg. 6. 23.

^l ver. 13.

⁴ Heb. *strengtheneth himself*.
^m ver. 13.
Jude 9.
Rev. 12. 7.

^a ch. 9. 1.
^b ch. 5. 31.

^c ch. 7. 6.
& 8. 5.
^d ch. 8. 4.
ver. 16, 36.

^e ch. 8. 8.

^f ch. 8. 22.

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¹ Heb. *shall associate themselves.*

² Heb. *rights.*

⁴ Or, *whom she brought forth.*

⁵ Or, *in his place, or, office,* ver. 20.

⁶ Heb. *vessels of their desire.*

⁷ Or, *shall war.*

⁸ Isai. 8. 8.
ch. 9. 26.

⁹ Or, *then shall he be stirred up again.*
¹⁰ ver. 7.

⁹ Heb. *at the end of times, even years,* ch. 4. 16. & 12. 7.

and have dominion; his dominion *shall be* a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they ¹shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make ²an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and ⁴he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in *these* times.

7 But out of a branch of her roots shall *one* stand up ⁵in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, *and* with ⁶their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the north.

9 So the king of the south shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

10 But his sons ⁷shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and *one* shall certainly come, ⁸and overflow, and pass through: ⁹then shall he return, and be stirred up, ¹⁰*even* to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 *And* when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down *many* ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it*.

13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come ⁹after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times there shall

many stand up against the king of the south: also ²the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take ³the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither ⁴his chosen people, neither *shall there be any* strength to withstand.

16 But he that cometh against him ¹shall do according to his own will, and ²none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the ⁵⁶glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

17 He shall also ¹set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and ⁷upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, ⁸corrupting her: but she shall not stand *on his side*, ¹⁰neither be for him.

18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince ⁹for his own behalf shall cause ²the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause *it* to turn upon him.

19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, ¹¹and not be found.

20 Then shall stand up ³in his estate ⁴a raiser of taxes *in* the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in ⁵anger, nor in battle.

21 And ⁶in his estate ⁷shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 ⁸And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; ⁹yea, also the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league *made* with him ¹he shall work deceitfully: for

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² Heb. *the children of robbers.*

³ Heb. *the city of munitions.*

⁴ Heb. *the people of his choices.*

¹ ch. 8. 4, 7.
ver. 3, 36.

² Josh. 1. 5.

³ Or, *goodly land,* ch. 8. 9.
ver. 41, 45.

⁴ Heb. *the land of ornament.*
⁵ 2 Chron. 20. 3.

⁶ Or, *much uprightness: or, equal conditions.*

⁷ Heb. *to corrupt.*
⁸ ch. 9. 26.

⁹ Heb. *for him.*

¹⁰ Heb. *his reproach.*

¹¹ Job 20. 8.
Ps. 37. 36.
Ezek. 26. 21.

¹ Or, *in his place,* ver. 7.

² Heb. *one that causeth an exacter to pass over.*

³ Heb. *angers.*

⁴ Or, *in his place.*
⁵ ch. 7. 8. & 8. 9, 23, 25.

⁶ ver. 10.

⁷ ch. 8. 10, 11, 25.

Fulfilled
cir. 171.
⁸ ch. 8. 25.

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^a Or, into the
peaceable and
fat, &c.

^b Heb. think
his thoughts.

Fulfilled
cir. 170.

^c ver. 10, 22.

^d Heb. their
hearts.

^e ver. 29, 35, 40.
ch. 8. 19.

^f ver. 22.

Fulfilled
cir. 169.

^g ver. 23.

^h ver. 25.

Fulfilled
cir. 168.

ⁱ Num. 24. 24.
Jer. 2. 10.

^j ver. 28.

^k ch. 8. 11.
& 12. 11.

^l Or,
astonisheth.

^m Or, cause to
dissemble.

he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

24 He shall enter ¹peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: *yea*, and he shall ²forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall ³overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' ⁴hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for ⁵'yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and ⁶his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant; and he shall do *exploits*, and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; ⁷but it shall not be as the former, ⁸or as the latter.

30 ¶ ⁹For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation ¹⁰against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, ¹¹and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that ¹²maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he ¹³corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do

know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*.

33 ¹⁴And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: ¹⁵'yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, ¹⁶to try ¹⁷them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, ¹⁸'even to the time of the end: ¹⁹'because *it is* yet for a time appointed.

36 And the king ²⁰shall do according to his will; and he shall ²¹exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things ²²against the God of gods, and shall prosper ²³till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, ²⁴nor the desire of women, ²⁵nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 ²⁶But ²⁷in his estate shall he honour the God of ²⁸forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and ²⁹pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the ³⁰most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for ³¹gain.

40 ³²And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him ³³like a whirlwind, with chariots, ³⁴and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, ³⁵and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the ³⁶glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, ³⁷'even Edom,

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³⁸ Mal. 2. 7.

³⁹ Hebr. 11. 35, &c.

⁴⁰ ch. 12. 10.

⁴¹ 1 Pet. 1. 7.

⁴² Or, by them.

⁴³ ch. 8. 17, 19.

ver. 40.

⁴⁴ ver. 29.

⁴⁵ ver. 16.

⁴⁶ ch. 7. 8, 25.

& 8. 25.

⁴⁷ 2 Thess. 2. 4.

Rev. 13. 5, 6.

⁴⁸ ch. 8. 11, 24,

25.

⁴⁹ ch. 9. 27.

⁵⁰ 1 Tim. 4. 3.

⁵¹ Isai. 14. 13.

2 Thess. 2. 4.

⁵² Or, But in
his stead.

⁵³ Heb. as for
the almighty
God, in his
seat he shall
honour, yea,
he shall
honour a god,
whom, &c.

⁵⁴ Or,
munitions.

⁵⁵ Heb. Mauz-
zim, or, Gods
protectors.

⁵⁶ Heb. things
desired,
Isai. 44. 9.

⁵⁷ Heb.
fortresses of
munitions.

⁵⁸ Heb. a price.

⁵⁹ ver. 35.

⁶⁰ Isai. 21. 1.

Zech. 9. 14.

⁶¹ Ezek. 38. 4, 15.

Rev. 9. 16.

⁶² ver. 10, 22.

⁶³ Or, goodly
land, ver. 16.

⁶⁴ Heb. land of
delight, or,
ornament.

⁶⁵ Isai. 11. 14.

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chr. 534.^a Heb. *send forth*.^b Ex. 11. 8.
Judg. 4. 10.^c Ps. 48. 2.
ver. 16, 41.
^d 2 Thess. 2. 4.^e Or, *goodly*.
^f Heb. *mountain of delight of holiness*.^g 2 Thess. 2. 8.
Rev. 19. 20.^h ch. 10. 13, 21.ⁱ Isai. 26. 20, 21.
Jer. 30. 7.
Matt. 24. 21.
Rev. 16. 18.^j Rom. 11. 26.^k Ex. 32. 32.
Ps. 56. 8.
& 69. 28.
Ezek. 13. 9.
Luke 10. 20.
Phil. 4. 3.
Rev. 3. 5.
& 13. 8.^l Matt. 25. 46.
John 5. 28, 29.
Acts 24. 15.^m Isai. 66. 24.
Rom. 9. 21.ⁿ ch. 11. 33, 35.^o Or, *teachers*.^p Prov. 4. 18.
Matt. 13. 43.^q Jam. 5. 20.^r 1 Cor. 15. 41, 42.^s ch. 8. 26.
ver. 9.^t Rev. 10. 4.
& 22. 10.^u ch. 10. 1.
ver. 9.

and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall ^astretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* ^aat his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in ^athe ^bglorious holy mountain; ^cyet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

CHAPTER XII.

1 *Michael shall deliver Israel from their troubles.*
5 *Daniel is informed of the times.*

AND at that time shall ^aMichael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: ^band there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people ^cshall be delivered, every one that shall be found ^dwritten in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, ^esome to everlasting life, and some to shame ^fand everlasting contempt.

3 And ^gthey that be ^hwise shall ⁱshine as the brightness of the firmament; ^jand they that turn many to righteousness ^kas the stars for ever and ever.

4 ^lBut thou, O Daniel, ^mshut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to ⁿthe time of the end: many shall

run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 ¶ Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the ^abank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank ^bof the river.

6 And *one* said to ^cthe man clothed in linen, which *was* ^dupon the waters of the river, ^eHow long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he ^fheld up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him ^gthat liveth for ever ^hthat *it shall be* for a time, times, and ⁱan half; ^jand when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of ^kthe holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed ^atill the time of the end.

10 ^bMany shall be purified, and made white, and tried; ^cbut the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but ^dthe wise shall understand.

11 And from the time ^ethat the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and ^fthe abomination that ^gmaketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But ^ago thou thy way till the end *be*: ^bfor thou shalt rest, ^cand stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

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chr. 534.^a Heb. *lip*.^b ch. 10. 4.^c ch. 10. 5.^d Or, *from above*.^e ch. 8. 13.^f Deut. 32. 40.
Rev. 10. 5, 6.^g ch. 4. 34.^h ch. 7. 25.
& 11. 13.

Rev. 12. 14.

ⁱ Or, *part*.^j Luke 21. 24.

Rev. 10. 7.

^k ch. 8. 24.^l ver. 4.^m ch. 11. 35.
Zech. 13. 9.ⁿ Hos. 14. 9.
Rev. 9. 20.
& 22. 11.^o ch. 11. 33, 35.
John 7. 17. &
8. 47. & 18. 37.^p ch. 8. 11.
& 11. 31.^q Heb. *to set up the abomination, &c.*^r Or, *astonisheth*.^s ver. 9.^t Or, *and thou, &c.*^u Isai. 57. 2.
Rev. 14. 13.^v Ps. 1. 5.

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CHAPTER I.

¹ *Hosea, to shew God's judgment for spiritual whoredom, taketh Gomer, 4 and hath by her Jezreel, 6 Lo-ruhamah, 8 and Lo-ammi. 10 The restoration of Judah and Israel.*

THE word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

² The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, ^aGo, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for ^bthe land hath committed great whoredom, *departing* from the LORD.

⁸ So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

⁴ And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little *while*, ^cand I will ²avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, ^dand will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

⁵ ^eAnd it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

⁶ ¶ And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And *God* said unto him, Call her name ³Lo-ruhamah: ^ffor ⁴I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; ⁵but I will utterly take them away.

⁷ ^gBut I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and ^hwill not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

⁸ ¶ Now when she had weaned

Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.

⁹ Then said *God*, Call his name ²Lo-ammi: for ye *are* not my people, and I will not be your *God*.

¹⁰ ¶ Yet ⁱthe number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; ^kand it shall come to pass, *that* ³in the place where it was said unto them, ¹Ye *are* not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, *Ye are* ^mthe sons of the living God.

¹¹ ¶ Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great *shall be* the day of Jezreel.

CHAPTER II.

¹ *The idolatry of the people. 6 God's judgments against them. 14 His promises of reconciliation with them.*

SAY ye unto your brethren, ⁴Am-mi; and to your sisters, ⁵Ruhamah.

² Plead with your mother, plead: for ^ashe *is* not my wife, neither *am* I her husband: let her therefore put away her ^bwhoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

³ Lest ^cI strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was ^dborn, and make her ^eas a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with ^fthirst.

⁴ And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they *be* the ^gchildren of whoredoms.

⁵ ^hFor their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said,

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^k That is, *Not my people.*

¹ Gen. 32. 12.
Rom. 9. 27, 28.

^k Rom. 9. 25, 26.
¹ Pet. 2. 10.

³ Or, *instead of that.*
¹ ch. 2. 23.

^m John 1. 12.
¹ John 3. 1.

ⁿ Isai. 11. 12, 13.
Jer. 3. 18.
Ezek. 34. 23.
& 37. 16,—24.

⁴ That is, *My people.*

⁵ That is, *Having obtained mercy.*

⁶ Isai. 50. 1.

^b Ezek. 16. 25.

⁷ Jer. 13. 22, 26.
Ezek. 16. 37, 39.

^d Ezek. 16. 4.
^e Ezek. 19. 13.

^f Amos 8. 11, 13.

^g John 8. 41.

^h Isai. 1. 21.
Jer. 3. 1, 6,
8, 9. Ezek.
16. 15, 16, &c.

^a So ch. 3. 1.

^b Dent. 31. 16.
Ps. 73. 27.
Jer. 2. 13.
Ezek. 23. 3,
&c.

^c 2 Kin. 10. 11.
³ Heb. *visit.*

^d 2 Kin. 15. 10,
12.

^e 2 Kin. 15. 29.

³ That is, *Not having obtained mercy.*

^f 2 Kin. 17. 6, 23.

⁴ Heb. *I will not add any more to.*

⁵ Or, *that I should altogether pardon them.*

⁶ 2 Kin. 19. 35.

⁷ Zech. 4. 6.
& 9. 10.

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¹ Jer. 44. 17.
ver. 8, 12.
² Heb. *drinks*.
³ Job 3. 23.
& 19. 8.
Lam. 3. 7, 9.
⁴ Heb. *will a wall*.

¹ ch. 5. 15.
Luke 15. 18.
² Ezek. 16. 8.

³ Isai. 1. 3.
⁴ Ezek. 16. 17,
18, 19.
⁵ Heb. *new wine*.
⁶ Or, *where-
with they
made Baal*,
ch. 8. 4.
⁷ ver. 3.
⁸ Or, *take away*.

⁹ Ezek. 16. 37.
& 23. 29.
¹⁰ Heb. *folly*,
or, *villany*.

¹¹ Amos 8. 10.
¹² 1 Kin. 12. 32.
Amos 8. 5.

¹³ Heb. *makes desolate*.
¹⁴ ver. 5.

¹⁵ Ps. 80. 12, 13.
Isai. 5. 5.

¹⁶ Ezek. 23. 40,
42.

¹⁷ Ezek. 20. 35.
¹⁸ Or, *friendly*.
¹⁹ Heb. *to her heart*.

²⁰ Josh. 7. 26.
Isai. 65. 10.
²¹ Jer. 2. 2.
Ezek. 16. 8,
22, 60.

I will go after my lovers, ¹that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my ²drink.

³ ¶ Therefore, behold, ⁴I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and ⁵make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.

⁶ And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find *them*: then shall she say, ⁷'I will go and return to my ⁸first husband; for then *was it* better with me than now.

⁹ For she did not ¹⁰know that ¹¹I gave her corn, and ¹²wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, ¹³*which* they prepared for Baal.

¹⁴ Therefore will I return, and ¹⁵take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will ¹⁶recover my wool and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness.

¹⁷ And now ¹⁸will I discover her ¹⁹lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.

²⁰ I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her ²¹feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

²² And I will ²³destroy her vines and her fig trees, ²⁴whereof she hath said, *These are* my rewards that my lovers have given me: and ²⁵I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

²⁶ And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she ²⁷decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD.

²⁸ ¶ Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and ²⁹bring her into the wilderness, and speak ³⁰comfortably unto her.

³¹ And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and ³²the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in ³³the days

of her youth, and ³⁴as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

³⁵ And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, *that* thou shalt call me ³⁶Ishi; and shalt call me no more ³⁷Baali.

³⁸ For ³⁹I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

⁴⁰ And in that day will I make a ⁴¹covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and *with* the creeping things of the ground: and ⁴²I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to ⁴³lie down safely.

⁴⁴ And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

⁴⁵ I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and ⁴⁶thou shalt know the LORD.

⁴⁷ And it shall come to pass in that day, ⁴⁸I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;

⁴⁹ And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; ⁵⁰and they shall hear Jezreel.

⁵¹ And ⁵²I will sow her unto me in the earth; ⁵³and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I ⁵⁴will say to *them which were* not my people, *Thou art* my people; and they shall say, *Thou art* my God.

CHAPTER III.

¹ By the expiation of an adulteress, ²is shewed the desolation of Israel before their restoration.

THEN said the LORD unto me, ³'Go yet, love a woman beloved of *her* ⁴friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons ⁵of wine.

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⁶ Ex. 15. 1.

⁷ That is, *My husband*.

⁸ That is, *My lord*.

⁹ Ex. 23. 13.
Josh. 23. 7.
Ps. 16. 4.
Zech. 13. 2.

¹⁰ Job 5. 23.
Isai. 11. 6,—9.
Ezek. 34. 25.

¹¹ Ps. 46. 9.
Isai. 2. 4.
Ezek. 39. 9, 10.
Zech. 9. 10.
¹² Lev. 26. 5.
Jer. 23. 6.

¹³ Jer. 31. 33, 34.
John 17. 3.

¹⁴ Zech. 8. 12.

¹⁵ ch. 1. 4.

¹⁶ Jer. 31. 27.
Zech. 10. 9.
¹⁷ ch. 1. 6.

¹⁸ ch. 1. 10.
Zech. 13. 9.
Rom. 9. 26.
1 Pet. 2. 10.

¹⁹ ch. 1. 2.

²⁰ Jer. 3. 20.

²¹ Heb. *of grapes*.

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^a Heb. *lethech*.

^c Deut. 21. 13.

^d ch. 10. 3.

^e Heb.
*a standing,
or, statue,
or, pillar,*
Isai. 19. 19.

^f Ex. 28. 6.

^g Judg. 17. 5.

^h Jer. 50. 4, 5.
ch. 5. 6.

ⁱ Jer. 30. 9.
Ezek. 34. 23,
24. & 37. 22, 24.

^j Isai. 2. 2.
Jer. 30. 24.
Ezek. 38. 8, 16.
Dan. 2. 28.
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^k Isai. 1. 18.
& 3. 13, 14.
Jer. 25. 31.
ch. 12. 2.
Mic. 6. 2.
^l Jer. 4. 22.
& 5. 4.

^m Heb. *bloods*.

ⁿ Jer. 4. 28.
& 12. 4.
Amos 5. 16.
& 8. 8.

^o Zeph. 1. 3.

^p Deut. 17. 12.

^q See Jer. 6. 4, 5.
& 15. 8.

^r Heb. *cut off*.

^s Isai. 5. 13.

^t Heb. *cut off*.

2 So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and *for* an homer of barley, and an ²half homer of barley:

3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt ^cabide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for *another* man: so *will* I also *be* for thee.

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days ^dwithout a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without ³an image, and without an ^eephod, and *without* ^fteraphim:

5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and ^gseek the LORD their God, and ^hDavid their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the ⁱlatter days.

CHAPTER IV.

1 *God's judgments against the sins of the people, 6 and of the priests, 12 and against their idolatry. 15 Judah is exhorted to take warning by Israel's calamity.*

HEAR the word of the LORD, Ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a ^acontroversy with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor ^bknowledge of God in the land.

2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and ^cblood toucheth blood.

3 Therefore ^eshall the land mourn, and ^devery one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people *are* as they ^ethat strive with the priest.

5 Therefore shalt thou fall ^fin the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will ^gdestroy thy mother.

6 ¶ ^hMy people are ^edestroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast for-

gotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

7 ^hAs they were increased, so they sinned against me: ⁱtherefore will I change their glory into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they ²set their heart on their iniquity.

9 And there shall be, ^klike people, like priest: and I will ³punish them for their ways, and ⁴reward them their doings.

10 For ^lthey shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.

11 Whoredom and wine and new wine ^mtake away the heart.

12 ¶ My people ask counsel at their ⁿstocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for ^othe spirit of whoredoms hath caused *them* to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

13 ^pThey sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof *is* good: ^qtherefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

14 ^rI will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people *that* ^sdoth not understand shall ^tfall.

15 ¶ Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, *yet* let not Judah offend; ^uand come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to ^vBeth-aven, ^unor swear, The LORD liveth.

16 For Israel ^xslideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

17 Ephraim *is* joined to idols: ^ylet him alone.

18 Their drink ^zis sour: they have committed whoredom continually:

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^b ch. 13. 6.

^c 1 Sam. 2. 30.
Mal. 2. 9.
Phil. 3. 19.

^d Heb. *lift up
their soul to
their iniquity.*

^e Isai. 24. 2.
Jer. 5. 31.

^f Heb. *visit
upon.*

^g Heb. *cause
to return.*

^h Lev. 26. 26.
Mic. 6. 14.
Hug. 1. 6.

ⁱ Isai. 28. 7.
See Eccles.
7. 7.

^j Jer. 2. 27.
Hab. 2. 19.

^k Isai. 44. 20.
ch. 5. 4.

^l Isai. 1. 29.
& 57. 5, 7.
Ezek. 6. 13.
& 20. 28.

^m Amos 7. 17.
Rom. 1. 28.

ⁿ Or, *Shall I
not, &c.*

^o ver. 1, 6.

^p Or, *be
punished.*

^q ch. 9. 15.
& 12. 11.
Amos 4. 4.
& 5. 5.

^r 1 Kin. 12. 29.
ch. 10. 5.

^s Amos 8. 14.
Zeph. 1. 5.

^t Jer. 3. 6. &
7. 24. & 8. 5.
Zech. 7. 11.

^u Matt. 15. 14.

^v Heb. *is gone.*

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^a Mic. 3. 11.
& 7. 3.
^b Heb. *shields*,
Pa. 47. 9.
^c Jer. 4. 11, 12.
& 51. 1.
^d Isai. 1. 29.
Jer. 2. 26.

^a ch. 6. 9.

^b Isai. 29. 15.

^c Or, *and, &c.*

^d Heb. *a* correction.

^e Amos 3. 2.

^f Ezek. 23. 5,
&c. ch. 4. 17.

^g Heb. *They*
will not give.

^h Or, *Their*
doings will
not suffer
them.

ⁱ ch. 4. 12.

^j ch. 7. 10.

^k Prov. 1. 28.
Isai. 1. 15.
Jer. 11. 11.
Ezek. 8. 18.
Mic. 3. 4.
John 7. 34.

^l Isai. 48. 8.
Jer. 3. 20.
& 5. 11.
ch. 6. 7.
Mal. 2. 11.
Zech. 11. 8.

^m ch. 8. 1.
Joel 2. 1.
ⁿ Isai. 10. 30.
^o Josh. 7. 2.
ch. 4. 15.
^p Judg. 5. 14.

^q Deut. 19. 14.
& 27. 17.

^a her ^b rulers *with* shame do love,
Give ye.

19 ^a The wind hath bound her up
in her wings, and ^b they shall be
ashamed because of their sacrifices.

CHAPTER V.

1 *God's judgments against the priests, the people,
and the princes of Israel, for their manifold
sins, 15 until they repent.*

HEAR ye this, O priests; and
hearken, ye house of Israel;
and give ye ear, O house of the
king; for judgment *is* toward you,
because ^a ye have been a snare on
Mizpah, and a net spread upon
Tabor.

2 And the revolvers are ^b profound
to make slaughter, ^c though I *have*
been ^d a rebuker of them all.

3 ^e I know Ephraim, and Israel
is not hid from me: for now, O
Ephraim, ^f thou committest whoredom,
and Israel is defiled.

4 ^g They will not frame their
doings to turn unto their God:
for ^h the spirit of whoredoms *is* in
the midst of them, and they have
not known the LORD.

5 And ⁱ the pride of Israel doth
testify to his face: therefore shall
Israel and Ephraim fall in their
iniquity; Judah also shall fall with
them.

6 ^j They shall go with their flocks
and with their herds to seek the
LORD; but they shall not find *him*;
he hath withdrawn himself from
them.

7 They have ^k dealt treacherously
against the LORD: for they have be-
gotten strange children: now shall
^l a month devour them with their
portions.

8 ^m Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah,
and the trumpet in Ramah: ⁿ cry
aloud *at* ^o Beth-aven, ^p after thee, O
Benjamin.

9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the
day of rebuke: among the tribes
of Israel have I made known that
which shall surely be.

10 The princes of Judah were like
them that ^q remove the bound: *there-*

fore I will pour out my wrath upon
them like water.

11 Ephraim *is* ^r oppressed *and*
broken in judgment, because he
willingly walked after ^s the com-
mandment.

12 Therefore *will* I *be* unto Eph-
raim as a moth, and to the house of
Judah ^t as ^u rottenness.

13 When Ephraim saw his sick-
ness, and Judah *saw* his ^v wound,
then went Ephraim ^w to the Assy-
rian, ^x and sent ^y to king Jareb: yet
could he not heal you, nor cure
you of your wound.

14 For ^z I *will be* unto Ephraim as
a lion, and as a young lion to the
house of Judah: ^{aa} I, *even* I, will tear
and go away; I will take away, and
none shall rescue *him*.

15 ¶ I will go *and* return to my
place, ^{ab} till ^{ac} they acknowledge their
offence, and seek my face: ^{ad} in
their affliction they will seek me
early.

CHAPTER VI.

1 *An exhortation to repentance. 4 A complaint
of their untowardness and iniquity.*

COME, and let us return unto
the LORD: for ^{ae} he hath torn,
and ^{af} he will heal us; he hath smit-
ten, and he will bind us up.

2 ^{ag} After two days will he re-
vive us: in the third day he will
raise us up, and we shall live in
his sight.

3 ^{ah} Then shall we know, *if* we
follow on to know the LORD: his
going forth is prepared ^{ai} as the
morning; and ^{aj} he shall come unto
us ^{ak} as the rain, as the latter *and*
former rain unto the earth.

4 ¶ ^{al} O Ephraim, what shall I do
unto thee? O Judah, what shall I
do unto thee? for your ^{am} goodness
is ^{an} as a morning cloud, and as the
early dew it goeth away.

5 Therefore have I hewed *them*
^{ao} by the prophets; I have slain them
by ^{ap} the words of my mouth: ^{aq} and
thy judgments *are as* the light *that*
goeth forth.

6 For I desired ^{ar} mercy, and ^{as} not

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^{at} Deut. 28. 83.

^{au} 1 Kin. 12. 28.
Mic. 6. 16.

^{av} Prov. 12. 4.

^{aw} Or, *a worm.*

^{ax} Jer. 30. 12.

^{ay} 2 Kin. 15. 19.
ch. 7. 11. &
12. 1.

^{az} ch. 10. 6.

^{ba} Or, *to the*
king of Ja-
reb: or, to
the king that
should plead.

^{bb} Lam. 3. 10.

^{bc} ch. 13. 7, 8.

^{bd} Ps. 50. 22.

^{be} Heb. *till they*
be guilty.

^{bf} Lev. 26. 40, 41.
Jer. 29. 12, 13.
Ezek. 6. 9. &
20. 43. & 36. 31.

^{bg} Ps. 78. 34.

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^{bh} Deut. 32. 39.

^{bi} 1 Sam. 2. 6.

^{bj} Job 5. 18.

^{bk} ch. 5. 14.

^{bl} Jer. 30. 17.

^{bm} 1 Cor. 15. 4.

^{bn} Isai. 54. 13.

^{bo} 2 Sam. 23. 4.

^{bp} Ps. 72. 6.

^{bq} Job 29. 23.

^{br} ch. 11. 8.

^{bs} Or, *mercy,*
or, kindness.

^{bt} ch. 13. 3.

^{bu} Jer. 1. 10.

^{bv} & 5. 14.

^{bw} Jer. 23. 29.

^{bx} Hebr. 4. 12.

^{by} Or, *that thy*
judgments
might be, &c.

^{bz} 1 Sam. 15. 22.

^{ca} Eccles. 5. 1.

^{cb} Mic. 6. 8.

^{cc} Matt. 9. 13.

^{cd} & 12. 7.

^{ce} Ps. 50. 8, 9.

^{cf} Prov. 21. 3.

^{cg} Isai. 1. 11.

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^o Jer. 22. 16.
John 17. 3.
^a Or, *like Adam*,
Job 31. 33.
^p ch. 8. 1.
^q ch. 5. 7.
^r ch. 12. 11.
^s Or, *cunning*
for blood.

^u Jer. 11. 9.
Ezek. 22. 25.
ch. 5. 1, 2.
^v Heb. *with one*
shoulder, or,
to Shechem.
^w Or, *enormity.*
^x Jer. 5. 30.
^y ch. 4. 12,
13, 17.
^z Jer. 51. 33.
Joel 3. 13.
Rev. 14. 15.
^{aa} Ps. 126. 1.

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^{ab} Heb. *evils.*
^{ac} ch. 5. 1. &
6. 10.

^{ad} Heb.
strippeth.
^{ae} Heb. *say*
not to.
^{af} Jer. 17. 1.
^{ag} Ps. 9. 16.
Prov. 5. 22.
^{ah} Ps. 90. 8.

^{ai} Rom. 1. 32.
^{aj} Jer. 9. 2.

^{ak} Or, *the raiser*
will cease.
^{al} Or, *from*
waking.

^{am} Or, *with heat*
through wine.

^{an} Or, *applied.*

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sacrifice; and the ^oknowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7 But they ^alike men ^phave transgressed the covenant: there ^qhave they dealt treacherously against me.

8 ^rGilead *is* a city of them that work iniquity, *and is* ^spolluted with blood.

9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, *so* ^tthe company of priests murder in the way ^uby consent: for they commit ^vlewdness.

10 I have seen ^wan horrible thing in the house of Israel: there *is* ^xthe whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.

11 Also, O Judah, ^yhe hath set an harvest for thee, ^zwhen I returned the captivity of my people.

CHAPTER VII.

1 *A reproof of manifold sins. 11 God's wrath against them for their hypocrisy.*

WHEN I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the ^bwickedness of Samaria: for ^athey commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, *and* the troop of robbers ^cspoileth without.

2 And they ^dconsider not in their hearts *that* I ^eremember all their wickedness: now ^ftheir own doings have beset them about; they are ^gbefore my face.

3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes ^hwith their lies.

4 ⁱThey *are* all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, ^j*who* ceaseth ^kfrom raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.

5 In the day of our king the princes have made *him* sick ^lwith bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.

6 For they have ^mmade ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

7 They are all hot as an oven,

and have devoured their judges; ⁿall their kings ^oare fallen: ^p*there is* none among them that calleth unto me.

8 Ephraim, he ^qhath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

9 ^rStrangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea, gray hairs are ^shere and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

10 And the ^tpride of Israel testifieth to his face: and ^uthey do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this.

11 ¶ ^vEphraim also is like a silly dove without heart: ^wthey call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

12 When they shall go, ^xI will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, ^yas their congregation hath heard.

13 Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: ^zdestruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though ^{aa}I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

14 ^{ab}And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, *and* they rebel against me.

15 Though I ^{ac}have bound *and* strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me.

16 ^{ad}They return, *but* not to the most High: ^{ae}they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the ^{af}rage of their tongue: this *shall be* their derision ^{ag}in the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER VIII.

1, 12 *Destruction is threatened for their impiety, 5 and idolatry.*

SET ^{ah}the trumpet to ^{ai}thy mouth. *He shall come* ^{aj}as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because ^{ak}they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 780.

^{al} ch. 8. 4.
^{am} 2 Kin. 15. 10,
14, 25, 30.
^{an} Isai. 64. 7.
^{ao} Ps. 106. 35.

^{ap} ch. 8. 7.

^{aq} Heb.
sprinkled.

^{ar} ch. 5. 5.

^{as} Isai. 9. 13.

^{at} ch. 11. 11.

^{au} See 2 Kin. 15.
19. & 17. 4.
ch. 5. 13. &
9. 3. & 12. 1.
^{av} Ezek. 12. 13.

^{aw} Lev. 26. 14, &c.
Deut. 28. 15,
&c. 2 Kin.
17. 13, 18.

^{ax} Heb. *spoil.*

^{ay} Mic. 6. 4.

^{az} Job 35. 9, 10.
Ps. 78. 36.
Jer. 3. 10.
Zech. 7. 5.

^{ba} Or,
chastened.

^{bb} ch. 11. 7.

^{bc} Ps. 78. 57.

^{bd} Ps. 73. 9.

^{be} ch. 9. 3, 6.

cir. 780.

^{bf} ch. 5. 8.
^{bg} Heb. *the roof*
of thy mouth.
^{bh} Deut. 28. 49.
Jer. 4. 13.
Hab. 1. 8.
^{bi} ch. 6. 7.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 760.

^d Ps. 78. 34.
ch. 5. 15.
^e Tit. 1. 16.
^f 2 Kin. 15. 13,
17, 25,
Shallum,
Menahem,
Pekahiah.
^g ch. 2. 8. &
13. 2.
^h Jer. 13. 27.
ⁱ Prov. 22. 8.
ch. 10. 12, 13.
^j Or, *standing*
corn.
^k ch. 7. 9.
^l 2 Kin. 17. 6.
^m Jer. 22. 28.
& 48. 38.
ⁿ 2 Kin. 15. 19.
^o Jer. 2. 24.
cir. 771.
^p Isai. 30. 6.
Ezek. 16. 33,
34.
^q Heb. *loves*.
^r Ezek. 16. 37.
ch. 10. 10.
^s Or, *begin*.
^t Or, *in a little*
while, as
Hag. 2. 6.
^u Isai. 10. 8.
Ezek. 26. 7.
Dan. 2. 37.
^v ch. 12. 11.
^w Deut. 4. 6, 8.
Ps. 119. 18. &
147. 19, 20.
^x Jer. 7. 21.
Zech. 7. 6.
^y Or, *In the*
sacrifices of
mine offer-
ings they, &c.
^z Jer. 14. 10, 12.
ch. 5. 6. & 9. 4.
Amos 5. 22.
^{aa} ch. 9. 9.
Amos 8. 7.
^{ab} Deut. 28. 68.
ch. 9. 3, 6.
& 11. 5.
^{ac} Deut. 32. 18.
^{ad} Isai. 29. 23.
Eph. 2. 10.
^{ae} 1 Kin. 12. 31.
^{af} Jer. 17. 27.
Amos 2. 5.

2 ^d Israel shall cry unto me, My God, ^e we know thee.

3 Israel hath cast off *the thing that is good*: the enemy shall pursue him.

4 ^f They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew *it* not: ^g of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

5 ^h Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: ⁱ how long *will it be* ere they attain to innocency?

6 For from Israel *was* it also: the workman made it; therefore it *is* not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

7 For ^j they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no ^k stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, ^l the strangers shall swallow it up.

8 ^m Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles ⁿ as a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure.

9 For ^o they are gone up to Assyria, ^p a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim ^q hath hired ^r lovers.

10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now ^s will I gather them, and they shall ^t sorrow ^u a little for the burden of ^v the king of princes.

11 Because Ephraim hath made ^w many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.

12 I have written to him ^x the great things of my law, *but* they were counted as a strange thing.

13 ^y They sacrifice flesh *for* the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat *it*; ^z *but* the LORD accepteth them not; ^{aa} now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: ^{ab} they shall return to Egypt.

14 ^{ac} For Israel hath forgotten ^{ad} his Maker, and ^{ae} buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but ^{af} I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

CHAPTER IX.

The distress and captivity of Israel for their sins and idolatry.

REJOICE not, O Israel, for joy, ^a as *other* people: for thou ^b hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a ^c reward ^d upon every cornfloor.

2 ^e The floor and the ^f winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in ^g the LORD's land; ^h but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and ⁱ they shall eat unclean *things* ^j in Assyria.

4 ^k They shall not offer wine *offerings* to the LORD, ^l neither shall they be pleasing unto him: ^m their sacrifices *shall be* unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread ⁿ for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.

5 What will ye do in ^o the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD?

6 For, lo, they are gone because of ^p destruction: ^q Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: ^r the pleasant *places* for their silver, ^s nettles shall possess them: thorns *shall be* in their tabernacles.

7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know *it*: the prophet *is* a fool, ^t the ^u spiritual man *is* mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

8 The ^v watchman of Ephraim *was* with my God: *but* the prophet *is* a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred ^w in the house of his God.

9 ^x They have deeply corrupted *themselves*, as in the days of ^y Gibeah: ^z *therefore* he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as ^{aa} the firstripe in the fig tree ^{ab} at her first time: *but* they went to ^{ac} Baal-peor, and ^{ad} separated them-

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 760.

^a ch. 4. 12.
& 5. 4, 7.
^b Jer. 44. 17.
ch. 2. 12.
^c Or, *in, &c.*
^d ch. 2. 9, 12.
^e Or, *winefat*.
^f Lev. 25. 23.
Jer. 2. 7. &
16. 18.
^g ch. 8. 13.
& 11. 5.
Not into
Egypt itself,
but into an-
other bondage
as bad as that.
^h Ezek. 4. 13.
Dan. 1. 8.
ⁱ 2 Kin. 17. 6.
ch. 11. 11.
^j ch. 3. 4.
^k Jer. 6. 20.
ch. 8. 13.
^l Deut. 26. 14.
^m Lev. 17. 11.
ⁿ ch. 2. 11.
^o Heb. *spoil*.
^p ch. 7. 16.
ver. 3.
^q Or, *their*
silver shall be
desired, the
nettle, &c.
^r Heb. *the*
desire.
^s Isai. 5. 6.
& 32. 13. &
34. 13.
ch. 10. 8.
^t Ezek. 13. 3,
&c.
Mic. 2. 11.
Zeph. 3. 4.
^u Heb. *man of*
the spirit.
^v Jer. 6. 17.
& 31. 6.
Ezek. 3. 17.
& 33. 7.
^w Or, *against*.
^x Isai. 31. 6.
ch. 10. 9.
^y Judg. 19. 22.
^z ch. 8. 13.
^{aa} Isai. 28. 4.
Mic. 7. 1.
^{ab} See ch. 2. 15.
^{ac} Num. 25. 3.
Ps. 106. 28.
^{ad} ch. 4. 14.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 760.

^a Jer. 11. 13.
See Judg.
6. 32.
^b Ps. 81. 12.
Ezek. 20. 8.
Amos 4. 5.
^c Job 27. 14.
^d Deut. 28. 41,
62.
^e Deut. 31. 17.
2 Kin. 17. 18.
ch. 5. 6.
^f See 1 Sam.
28. 15, 16.
^g See Ezek. 26,
& 27, & 28.
^h ver. 16.
ch. 13. 16.
ⁱ Luke 23. 29.
^j Heb. *that*
casteth the
fruit.
^k ch. 4. 15. &
12. 11.
^l ch. 1. 6.
^m Isai. 1. 23.

ⁿ ver. 13.
^o Heb. *the*
desires,
Ezek. 24. 21.

^p Deut. 28. 64,
65.

cir. 740.
^a Nah. 2. 2.
^b Or, *a vine*
emptying the
fruit which
it giveth.
^c ch. 8. 11. &
12. 11.
^d ch. 8. 4.
^e Heb. *statues,*
or, standing
images.
^f Or, *He hath*
divided their
heart.
^g 1 Kin. 18. 21.
Matt. 6. 24.
^h Heb. *behead.*
ⁱ ch. 3. 4. &
11. 5.
Mic. 4. 9.
ver. 7.

selves ^aunto *that* shame; ^band *their* abominations were according as they loved.

11 *As for* Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.

12 ^oThough they bring up their children, yet ^dwill I bereave them, *that there shall not be a man left*: yea, ^ewoe also to them when I ^fdepart from them!

13 Ephraim, ^gas I saw Tyrus, *is* planted in a pleasant place: ^hbut Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

14 Give them, O LORD: what wilt thou give? give them ⁱa ^jmiscarrying womb and dry breasts.

15 All their wickedness ^kis in Gilgal: for there I hated them: ^lfor the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: ^mall their princes *are* revolvers.

16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, ⁿthough they bring forth, yet will I slay *even* ^othe beloved *fruit* of their womb.

17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be ^pwanderers among the nations.

CHAPTER X.

Israel is reprov'd and threatened for their impiety and idolatry.

ISRAEL *is* ^aan empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit ^bhe hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land ^cthey have made goodly ^dimages.

2 ^eTheir heart is ^fdivided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall ^gbreak down their altars, he shall spoil their images.

3 ^hFor now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?

4 They have spoken words, swear-

ing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up ⁱas hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of ^jthe calves of ^kBethaven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and ^lthe priests thereof *that* rejoiced on it, ⁱfor the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.

6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria *for* a present to ^kking Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed ^lof his own counsel.

7 ^m*As for* Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon ⁿthe water.

8 ^oThe high places also of Aven, ^pthe sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: ^qthe thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; ^rand they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

9 ^sO Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: ^tthe battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

10 *It is* in my desire that I should chastise them; and ^uthe people shall be gathered against them, ^vwhen they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.

11 And Ephraim *is as* ^xan heifer *that is* taught, and loveth to tread out *the corn*; but I passed over upon ^yher fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.

12 ^zSow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; ^abreak up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

13 ^bYe have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14 ^cTherefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy for-
tresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 740.

^d See Deut.
29. 18.
Amos 5. 7.
& 6. 12.
Acts 8. 23.
Hebr. 12. 15.
^e 1 Kin. 12. 28,
29. ch. 8. 5, 6.
^f ch. 4. 15.
^g Or,
Chemarim,
2 Kin. 23. 5.
Zeph. 1. 4.
^h 1 Sam. 4. 21,
22. ch. 9. 11.
ⁱ ch. 5. 13.

^j ch. 11. 6.

^k ver. 3, 15.
^l Heb. *the face*
of the water.
^m ch. 4. 15.
ⁿ Deut. 9. 21.
1 Kin. 12. 30.
^o ch. 9. 6.
^p Isai. 2. 19.
Luke 23. 30.
Rev. 6. 16.
& 9. 6.

^q ch. 9. 9.

^r See Judg. 20.

^s Deut. 28. 63.
^t Jer. 16. 16.
Ezek. 23. 46,
47. ch. 8. 10.
^u Or, *when I*
shall bind
them for their
two trans-
gressions, or,
in their two
habitations.
^v Jer. 50. 11.
Mic. 4. 13.
^w Heb. *the*
beauty of
her neck.

^x Prov. 11. 18.
^y Jer. 4. 3.

^z Job 4. 8.
Prov. 22. 8.
ch. 8. 7.
Gal. 6. 7, 8.

^a ch. 13. 16.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 740.

^o 2 Kin. 18. 34.
& 19. 13.
^d ch. 13. 16.
^h Heb. *the evil
of your evil.*
^o ver. 7.

cir. 740.
^a ch. 2. 15.
^b Matt. 2. 15.
^o Ex. 4. 22, 23.

^d 2 Kin. 17. 16.
ch. 2. 13. &
13. 2.

^o Deut. 1. 31. &
32. 10, 11, 12.
Isai. 46. 3.
^f Ex. 15. 26.

^o Lev. 26. 13.
^h Heb. *lift up.*
^b Ps. 78. 25.
ch. 2. 8.

ⁱ See ch. 8. 13.
& 9. 3.

^k 2 Kin. 17. 13,
14.

cir. 728.
They became
tributaries to
Salmannasser.
ⁱ ch. 10. 6.

^m Jer. 3. 6, &c.
& 8. 5.
ch. 4. 16.

ⁿ ch. 7. 16.
^h Heb. *together
they exalted
not.*

^o Jer. 9. 7.
ch. 6. 4.
^p Gen. 14. 8. &
19. 24, 25.
Deut. 29. 23.
Amos 4. 11.
^q Deut. 32. 36.
Isai. 63. 15.
Jer. 31. 20.

^r Num. 23. 19.
Isai. 55. 8, 9.
Mal. 3. 6.

^s Isai. 31. 4.
Joel 3. 16.
Amos 1. 2.

spoiled ^o Beth-arbel in the day of battle: ^d the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children.

15 So shall Beth-el do unto you because of ^a your great wickedness: in a morning ^o shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

CHAPTER XI.

1 *The ingratitude of Israel unto God for his benefits.* 5 *His judgment.* 8 *God's mercy toward them.*

WHEN ^a Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and ^b called my ^o son out of Egypt.

2 *As* they called them, so they went from them: ^d they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

3 ^o I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that ^f I healed them.

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and ^o I was to them as they that ^h take off the yoke on their jaws, and ^b I laid meat unto them.

5 ¶ ⁱ He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, ^k because they refused to return.

6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour *them*, ⁱ because of their own counsels.

7 And my people are bent to ^m backsliding from me: ⁿ though they called them to the most High, ^h none at all would exalt *him*.

8 ^o How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver thee, Israel? *how* shall I make thee as ^p Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Zeboim? ^q mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: ^r for I *am* God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

10 They shall walk after the LORD: ^s he shall roar like a lion: when he

shall roar, then the children shall tremble ^t from the west.

11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, ^u and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: ^x and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.

12 ^y Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful ^z with the saints.

CHAPTER XII.

1 *A reproof of Ephraim, Judah, and Jacob.*

3 *By former favours he exhorteth to repentance.* 7 *Ephraim's sins provoke God.*

EPHRAIM ^a feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; ^b and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and ^c oil is carried into Egypt.

2 ^d The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will ^h punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

3 ¶ He took his brother ^o by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he ^h had power with God:

4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in ^o Beth-el, and there he spake with us;

5 Even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD *is* his ^h memorial.

6 ⁱ Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and ^k wait on thy God continually.

7 ¶ *He is* ^o a merchant, ⁱ the balances of deceit *are* in his hand: he loveth to ^o oppress.

8 And Ephraim said, ^m Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: ⁿ in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me ^o that *were* sin.

9 And ^r I *that am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt ^o will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 740.

^t Zech. 8. 7.
^u Isai. 60. 8.
ch. 7. 11.
^x Ezek. 28. 25,
26. & 37. 21,
25.
^y ch. 12. 1.

^z Or, *with the
most holy.*

cir. 725.
^a ch. 8. 7.

^b 2 Kin. 17. 4.
ch. 5. 13. &
7. 11.

^c Isai. 30. 6.
& 57. 9.

^d ch. 4. 1.
Mic. 6. 2.
^h Heb. *visit
upon.*

^o Gen. 25. 26.

^h Heb. *was a
prince, or,
behaved him-
self princely.*
ⁱ Gen. 32. 24,
&c.

^o Gen. 28. 12,
19. & 35. 9,
10, 15.

^k Ex. 3. 15.

ⁱ ch. 14. 1.
Mic. 6. 8.

ⁿ Ps. 37. 7.
^o Or, *Canaan*:
See Ezek.
16. 3.

ⁱ Prov. 11. 1.
Amos 8. 5.

^o Or, *deceives.*
^m Zech. 11. 5.
Rev. 3. 17.

ⁿ Or, *all my
labours suffice
me not*: he
shall have
punishment
of iniquity in
whom *is* sin.
^o Heb. *which.*

^r ch. 13. 4.
^o Lev. 23. 42,
43. Neh. 8. 17.
Zech. 14. 16.

BEFORE
CHRIST
cir. 725.

^p 2 Kin. 17. 13.
^s Heb. *by the hand*.
^q ch. 5. 1. & 6. 8.
^r ch. 4. 15. & 9. 15. Amos 4. 4. & 5. 5.
^s ch. 8. 11. & 10. 1.
^t Gen. 28. 5. Deut. 26. 5.
^u Gen. 29. 20, 28.
^v Ex. 12. 50, 51. & 13. 3. Ps. 77. 20. Isai. 63. 11. Mic. 6. 4.
^w 2 Kin. 17. 11,—18.
^x Heb. *with bitternesses*.
^y Heb. *bloods*: Soc Ezek. 18. 13. & 24. 7, 8.
^z Dan. 11. 18.
^{aa} Deut. 28. 37.

cir. 725.

^a 2 Kin. 17. 16, 18. ch. 11. 2.

^b Heb. *they add to sin*.
^c ch. 2. 8. & 8. 4.

^d Or, *the sacrificers of men*.

^e 1 Kin. 19. 18.
^f ch. 6. 4.

^g Dan. 2. 35.

^h Isai. 43. 11. ch. 12. 9.

ⁱ Isai. 43. 11. & 45. 21.

^j Deut. 2. 7. & 32. 10.

^k Deut. 8. 15. & 32. 10.

^l Heb. *droughts*.

^m Deut. 8. 12, 14. & 32. 15.

ⁿ ch. 8. 14.

10 ^p I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, ^q by the ministry of the prophets.

11 ^r *Is there iniquity in Gilead?* surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in ^s Gilgal; yea, ^t their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12 And Jacob ^u fled into the country of Syria, and Israel ^v served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*.

13 ^w And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

14 ^x Ephraim provoked *him* to anger ^y most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his ^z blood upon him, ^{aa} and his ^{ab} reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

CHAPTER XIII.

1 *Ephraim's glory, by reason of idolatry, vanisheth.* 5 *God's anger for their unkindness.* 9 *A promise of God's mercy.* 15 *A judgment for rebellion.*

WHEN Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but ^a when he offended in Baal, he died.

2 And now ^b they sin more and more, and ^c have made them molten images of their silver, *and* idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let ^d the men that sacrifice ^e kiss the calves.

3 Therefore they shall be ^f as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, ^g as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

4 Yet ^h *I am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for ⁱ *there is* no saviour beside me.

5 ^j *I did* know thee in the wilderness, ^k in the land of ^l great drought.

6 ^m According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore ⁿ have they forgotten me.

7 Therefore ^o I will be unto them as a lion: as ^p a leopard by the way will I observe *them*:

8 I will meet them ^q as a bear *that is bereaved of her whelps*, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: ^r the wild beast shall tear them.

9 ^s O Israel, ^t thou hast destroyed thyself; ^u but in me ^v is thine help.

10 ^w I will be thy king: ^x where *is* any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom ^y thou saidst, Give me a king and princes?

11 ^z I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took *him* away in my wrath.

12 ^{aa} The iniquity of Ephraim *is* bound up; his sin *is* hid.

13 ^{ab} The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he *is* an unwise son; for he should not ^{ac} stay ^{ad} long in *the place of* the breaking forth of children.

14 ^{ae} I will ransom them from ^{af} the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: ^{ag} O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: ^{ah} repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

15 ^{ai} Though ^{aj} he be fruitful among *his* brethren, ^{ak} an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all ^{al} pleasant vessels.

16 ^{am} Samaria shall become desolate; ^{an} for she hath rebelled against her God: ^{ao} they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

CHAPTER XIV.

1 *An exhortation to repentance.* 4 *A promise of God's blessing.*

O ISRAEL, ^a return unto the LORD thy God; ^b for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

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^m Lam. 3. 10. ch. 5. 14.
ⁿ Jer. 5. 6.
^o 2 Sam. 17. 8. Prov. 17. 12.

^p Heb. *the beast of the field*.

^q Prov. 6. 32. ch. 14. 1. Mal. 1. 9.

^r ver. 4.

^s Heb. *in thy help*.

^t Rather, *Where is thy king?* King Hoshea being then in prison.

^u 2 Kin. 17. 4. Deut. 32. 38. ch. 10. 3. ver. 4.

^v 1 Sam. 8. 5, 19.

^w 1 Sam. 8. 7. & 10. 19. & 15. 22, 23. & 16. 1. ch. 10. 3.

^x Deut. 32. 34. Job 14. 17.

^y Isai. 13. 8. Jer. 30. 6.

^z Prov. 22. 3.

^{aa} 2 Kin. 19. 3.

^{ab} Heb. *a time*.

^{ac} Isai. 25. 8. Ezek. 37. 12.

^{ad} Heb. *the hand*.

^{ae} 1 Cor. 15. 54, 55.

^{af} Jer. 15. 6. Rom. 11. 29.

^{ag} See Gen. 41. 52. & 48. 19.

^{ah} Jer. 4. 11. Ezek. 17. 10. & 19. 12. ch. 4. 19.

^{ai} Heb. *vessels of desire*, Nah. 2. 9.

^{aj} Fulfilled, cir. 721. 2 Kin. 17. 6.

^{ak} 2 Kin. 18. 12. & 15. 16.

^{al} Isai. 13. 16. ch. 10. 14, 15. Amos 1. 13. Nah. 3. 10.

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^a ch. 12. 6.

^b Joel 2. 13.

^c ch. 13. 9.

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cir. 725.^a Or, give good.^c Hebr. 13. 15.^d Jer. 31. 18,
&c. ch. 5. 13.
& 12. 1.^e Deut. 17. 16.
Ps. 33. 17.
Isai. 30. 2, 16.
& 31. 1.^f ch. 2. 17.
ver. 8.^g Ps. 10. 14.
& 68. 5.^h Jer. 5. 6. &
14. 7. ch. 11. 7.ⁱ Eph. 1. 6.^k Job 29. 19.

Prov. 19. 12.

^l Or, blossom.^m Heb. strike.ⁿ Heb. shall go.

2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and ²receive us graciously: so will we render the ^ocalves of our lips.

3 ^dAsshur shall not save us; ^ewe will not ride upon horses: ^fneither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are our gods*: ^gfor in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

4 ¶ I will heal ^htheir backsliding, I will love them ⁱfreely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

5 I will be as ^kthe dew unto Israel: he shall ^lgrow as the lily, and ^mcast forth his roots as Lebanon.

6 His branches ⁿshall spread, and

¹his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and ^mhis smell as Lebanon.

7 ⁿThey that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and ^ogrow as the vine: the ³scent thereof *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon.

8 Ephraim *shall say*, ^oWhat have I to do any more with idols? ^pI have heard *him*, and observed him: I *am* like a green fir tree. ^qFrom me is thy fruit found.

9 ^rWho *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things*? prudent, and he shall know them? for ^sthe ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

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cir. 725.¹ Ps. 52. 8. &
128. 3.^m Gen. 27. 27.
Cant. 4. 11.ⁿ Ps. 91. 1.^o Or, blossom.^p Or,
memorial.^q ver. 3.^r Jer. 31. 18.^s Jam. 1. 17.^t Ps. 107. 43.

Jer. 9. 12.

Dan. 12. 10.

John 8. 47.

& 18. 37.

^u Prov. 10. 29.

Luke 2. 34.

2 Cor. 2. 16.

1 Pet. 2. 7, 8.

JOEL.

CHAPTER I.

¹ *Joel, declaring sundry judgments of God, exhorteth to observe them, 8 and to mourn. 14 He prescribeth a fast for complaint.*

THE word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

² Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land.

^a Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

³ ^b Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

⁴ ^c That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

⁵ Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; ^d for it is cut off from your mouth.

⁶ For ^e a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, ^f whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

⁷ He hath ^g laid my vine waste, and ^h barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.

⁸ ⁱ Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for ^j the husband of her youth.

⁹ ^k The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

¹⁰ The field is wasted, ^l the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: ^m the new wine is ⁿ dried up, the oil languisheth.

¹¹ ^o Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

¹² ^p The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, *even* all the trees of the field, are withered: because ^q joy is withered away from the sons of men.

¹³ ^r Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for ^s the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.

¹⁴ ^t Sanctify ye a fast, call ^u a solemn assembly, gather the elders *and* ^v all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,

¹⁵ ^w Alas for the day! for ^x the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

¹⁶ Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, *yea*, ^y joy and gladness from the house of our God?

¹⁷ The ^z seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

¹⁸ How do ^{aa} the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; *yea*, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

¹⁹ O LORD, ^{ab} to thee will I cry: for ^{ac} the fire hath devoured the ^{ad} pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

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^a ch. 2. 2.

^b Ps. 78. 4.

^c Deut. 28. 38.
ch. 2. 25.

^d Heb. *The residue of the palmerworm.*

^e Isai. 32. 10.

^f So Prov. 30.
25, 26, 27.
ch. 2. 2, 11,
25.

^g Rev. 8. 8.

^h Isai. 5. 6.

ⁱ Heb. *laid my fig tree for a barking.*

^j Isai. 22. 12.

^k Prov. 2. 17.
Jer. 3. 4.

^l ver. 13.
ch. 2. 14.

^m Jer. 12. 11.
& 14. 2.

ⁿ Isai. 24. 7.
ver. 12.

^o Or, *ashamed.*

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^p Jer. 14. 3, 4.

^q ver. 10.

^r Isai. 24. 11.
Jer. 48. 33.
See Ps. 4. 7.
Isai. 9. 3.

^s Jer. 4. 8.
ver. 8.

^t ver. 9.

^u 2 Chron. 20.
3, 4.

^v ch. 2. 15, 16.

^w Lev. 23. 36.

^x Or, *day of restraint.*

^y 2 Chron. 20.
13.

^z Jer. 30. 7.

^{aa} Isai. 13. 6, 9.
ch. 2. 1.

^{ab} See Deut.
12. 6, 7, &
16. 11, 14, 15.

^{ac} Heb. *grains.*

^{ad} Hos. 4. 3.

^{ae} Ps. 50. 15.

^{af} Jer. 9. 10.
ch. 2. 3.

^{ag} Or, *habitations.*

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^d Job 38. 41.
Ps. 104. 21.
& 145. 15.
^e 1 Kin. 17. 7.
& 18. 5.

^a Jer. 4. 5.
ver. 15.
^b Or, *cornet*.
^b Num. 10. 5, 9.
^c ch. 1. 15.
Obad. 15.
Zeph. 1. 14, 15.

^d Amos 5. 18,
20.

^e ch. 1. 6.
ver. 5, 11, 25.
^f Ex. 10. 14.

^a Heb. of *gene-
ration and
generation*.

^a ch. 1. 19, 20.

^b Gen. 2. 8. &
13. 10.
Isai. 51. 3.
ⁱ Zech. 7. 14.

^k Rev. 9. 7.

^l Rev. 9. 9.

^m ver. 2.

^a Jer. 8. 21.
Lam. 4. 8.
Nah. 2. 10.
^b Heb. *pot*.

^c Or, *dart*.

20 The beasts of the field ^d cry also unto thee: for ^e the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

CHAPTER II.

1 *He sheweth unto Zion the terribleness of God's judgment.* 12 *He exhorteth to repentance,* 15 *prescribeth a fast,* 18 *promiseth a blessing thereon.* 21 *He comforteth Zion with present,* 28 *and future blessings.*

BLOW ye the ² trumpet in Zion, and ^b sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for ^c the day of the LORD cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand;

2 ^d A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: ^e a great people and a strong; ^f there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years ³ of many generations.

3 ^a A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as ^b the garden of Eden before them, ⁱ and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

4 ^k The appearance of them *is* as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

5 ^l Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, ^m as a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: ⁿ all faces shall gather ^o blackness.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and *when* they fall upon the ^p sword, they shall not be wounded.

9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses;

they shall ^q enter in at the windows ^r like a thief.

10 ^a The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: ^r the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

11 ^a And the LORD shall utter his voice before ^t his army: for his camp *is* very great: ^u for *he is* strong that executeth his word: for the ^v day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and ^w who can abide it?

12 ^x ¶ Therefore also now, saith the LORD, ^y turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

13 And ^z rend your heart, and not ^b your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for *he is* ^o gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

14 ^d Who knoweth *if* he will return and repent, and leave ^e a blessing behind him; *even* ^f a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

15 ^g ¶ Blow the trumpet in Zion, ^h sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

16 Gather the people, ⁱ sanctify the congregation, ^k assemble the elders, ^l gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: ^m let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep ⁿ between the porch and the altar, and let them say, ^o Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should ^p rule over them: ^q wherefore should they say among the people, Where *is* their God?

18 ^r ¶ Then will the LORD ^s be jealous for his land, ^t and pity his people.

19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you ^u corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith:

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^o Jer. 9. 21.
^p John 10. 1.
^q Ps. 18. 7.
^r Isai. 13. 10.
Ezek. 32. 7.
ver. 31.
ch. 3. 15.
Matt. 24. 29.
^s Jer. 25. 30.
ch. 3. 16.
Amos 1. 2.
^t ver. 25.
^u Jer. 50. 34.
Rev. 18. 8.
^v Jer. 30. 7.
Amos 5. 18.
Zeph. 1. 15.
^w Num. 24. 23.
Mal. 3. 2.
^x Jer. 4. 1.
Hos. 12. 6.
& 14. 1.

^y Ps. 34. 18.
& 51. 17.
^z Gen. 37. 34.
2 Sam. 1. 11.
Job 1. 20.
^a Ex. 34. 6.
Ps. 86. 5, 15.
Jonah 4. 2.

^b Josh. 14. 12.
2 Sam. 12. 22.
2 Kin. 19. 4.
Amos 5. 15.
Jonah 3. 9.
Zeph. 2. 3.
^c Isai. 65. 8.
Hag. 2. 19.
^d ch. 1. 9, 13.
^e Num. 10. 3.
ver. 1.
^f ch. 1. 14.
^g Ex. 19. 10, 22.

^h ch. 1. 14.
ⁱ 2 Chron. 20.
13.
^j 1 Cor. 7. 5.

^k Ezek. 8. 16.
Matt. 23. 35.

^l Ex. 32. 11, 12.
Deut. 9. 26,—
29.

^m Or, *use a by-
word against
them*.

ⁿ Ps. 42. 10.
& 79. 10. &
115. 2.
Mic. 7. 16.
^o Zech. 1. 14.
& 8. 2.

^p Deut. 32. 36.
Isai. 60. 10.

^q See ch. 1. 10.
Mal. 3. 10, 11,
12.

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^t See Exod. 10. 19.
^u Jer. 1. 14.
^x Ezek. 47. 18.
Zech. 14. 8.
^y Deut. 11. 24.

^z Heb. *he hath magnified to do.*

^a ch. 1. 18, 20.
^b Zech. 8. 12.
See ch. 1. 19.

^c Isai. 41. 16.
& 61. 10.
Hab. 3. 18.
Zech. 10. 7.

^d Or, *a teacher of righteousness.*

^e Heb. *according to righteousness.*

^f Lev. 26. 4.
Deut. 11. 14.
& 28. 12.
^g Jam. 5. 7.

^h ch. 1. 4.

ⁱ ver. 11.

^j Lev. 26. 5.
Ps. 22. 26.
See Lev. 26. 26.
Mic. 6. 14.

^k ch. 3. 17.

^l Lev. 26. 11, 12. Ezek. 37. 26, 27, 28.

^m Isai. 45. 5, 21, 22. Ezek. 39. 22, 28.

ⁿ Isai. 44. 3. Ezek. 39. 29. Acts 2. 17.

^o Zech. 12. 10. John 7. 39.

^p Isai. 54. 13.
^q Acts 21. 9.

^r 1 Cor. 12. 13. Gal. 3. 28. Col. 3. 11.

and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen :

20 But ¹I will remove far off from you ²the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face ³toward the east sea, and his hinder part ⁴toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because ⁵he hath done great things.

21 ¶ Fear not, O land ; be glad and rejoice : for the LORD will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ¹ye beasts of the field : for ²the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and ¹rejoice in the LORD your God : for he hath given you ²the former rain ³moderately, and he ⁴will cause to come down for you ⁵the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years ¹that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, ²my great army which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall ¹eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you : and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 ¹And ye shall know that I *am* ²in the midst of Israel, and *that* ³I *am* the LORD your God, and none else : and my people shall never be ashamed.

28 ¶ ¹And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I ²will pour out my spirit upon all flesh ; ³and your sons and ⁴your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions :

29 And also upon ¹the servants

and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

30 And ¹I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 ¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, ²before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

32 And it shall come to pass, *that* ¹whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered : for ²in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in ³the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

CHAPTER III.

¹ God's judgments against the enemies of his people. ⁹ God will be known in his judgment. ¹⁸ His blessing upon the church.

FOR, behold, ¹in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 ¹I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into ²the valley of Jehoshaphat, and ³will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

3 And they have ¹cast lots for my people ; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, ¹O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine ? ²will ye render me a recompence ? and if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head ;

5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly ¹pleasant things :

6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto ¹the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, ¹I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold

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¹ Matt. 24. 29. Mark 13. 24. Luke 21. 11, 25.

² Isai. 13. 9, 10. ver. 10. ch. 3. 1, 15. Matt. 24. 29. Mark 13. 24. Luke 21. 25. Rev. 6. 12.

³ Mal. 4. 5.

⁴ Rom. 10. 13.

⁵ Isai. 46. 13.

& 59. 20.

Obad. 17.

Rom. 11. 26.

⁶ Isai. 11. 11, 16.

Jer. 31. 7.

Mic. 4. 7. &

5. 3, 7, 8.

Rom. 9. 27.

& 11. 5, 7.

⁷ Jer. 30. 3. Ezek. 38. 14.

⁸ Zech. 14. 2,

3, 4.

⁹ 2 Chron. 20.

26. ver. 12.

¹⁰ Isai. 66. 16.

Ezek. 38. 22.

¹¹ Obad. 11. Nah. 3. 10.

¹² Amos 1. 6, 9.

¹³ Ezek. 25. 15, 16, 17.

¹⁴ Heb. *desirable* : Dan. 11. 38.

¹⁵ Heb. *the sons of the Grecians.*

¹⁶ Isai. 43. 5, 6. & 49. 12. Jer. 23. 8.

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¹ Ezek. 23. 42.

² Jer. 6. 20.

¹ See Isai. 8. 9,
10.
Jer. 46. 3, 4.
Ezek. 38. 7.
² Heb.
Sanctify.

^m See Isai. 2. 4.
Mic. 4. 3.
² Or, scythes.
² Zech. 12. 8.

^o ver. 2.

⁴ Or, the
LORD shall
bring down.

^p Ps. 103. 20.
Isai. 13. 3.

^q ver. 2.

^r Ps. 96. 13. &
98. 9. & 110. 6.
Isai. 2. 4. &
3. 13.

Mic. 4. 3.

^s Matt. 13. 39.
Rev. 14. 15,
18.

^t Jer. 51. 33.
Hos. 6. 11.

^u Isai. 63. 3.
Lam. 1. 15.
Rev. 14. 19,
20.

^x ver. 2.

^y Or, concision,
or, threshing.

^z ch. 2. 1.

^a ch. 2. 10, 31.

them, and will return your recompence upon your own head :

8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the ¹Sabeans², to a people ^kfar off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 ¶ ¹Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; ²Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

10 ^mBeat your plowshares into swords, and your ³pruninghooks into spears: ⁿlet the weak say, I am strong.

11 ^oAssemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither ⁴cause ^pthy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

12 Let the heathen be wakened, ^qand come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to ^rjudge all the heathen round about.

13 ^sPut ye in the sickle, for ^tthe harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the ^upress is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in ^xthe valley of ⁵decision: for ^ythe day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

15 The ^zsun and the moon shall

be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The LORD also shall ^aroar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and ^bthe heavens and the earth shall shake: ^cbut the LORD *will be* the ²hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 So ^dshall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, ^emy holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be ³holy, and there shall no ^fstrangers pass through her any more.

18 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall ^gdrop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, ^hand all the rivers of Judah shall ⁴flow with waters, and ⁱa fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water ^kthe valley of Shittim.

19 ¹Egypt shall be a desolation, and ^mEdom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Judah shall ⁵dwell ⁿfor ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21 For I will ^ocleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: ^p⁶for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

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^a Jer. 25. 30.
ch. 2. 11.

Amos 1. 2.

^b Hag. 2. 6.

^c Isai. 51. 8, 6.
² Heb. *place of repair, or, harbour.*

^d ch. 2. 27.

^e Dan. 11. 45.

Obad. 16.

Zech. 8. 3.

³ Heb.

holiness.

^f Isai. 35. 8.

& 52. 1.

Nah. 1. 15.

Zech. 14. 21.

Rev. 21. 27.

⁵ Amos 9. 13.

^h Isai. 30. 25.

⁴ Heb. *go.*

ⁱ Ps. 46. 4.

Ezek. 47. 1.

Zech. 14. 8.

Rev. 22. 1.

^k Num. 25. 1.

¹ Isai. 19. 1, &c.

^m Jer. 49. 17.

Ezek. 25. 12,

13.

Amos 1. 11.

Obad. 10.

⁵ Or, *abide.*

ⁿ Amos 9. 15.

^o Isai. 4. 4.

^p Ezek. 48. 35.

ver. 17.

Rev. 21. 3.

⁶ Or, *even I the LORD that dwelleth in Zion.*

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CHAPTER I.

1 *Amos sheweth God's judgment upon Syria, 6 upon the Philistines, 9 upon Tyrus, 11 upon Edom, 13 upon Ammon.*

THE words of Amos, ^awho was among the herdmen of ^bTekoa, which he saw concerning Israel ^cin the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of ^dJeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the ^eearthquake.

2 And he said, The LORD will ^froar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of ^gCarmel shall wither.

3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^hDamascus, ²and for four, I will not ³turn away *the punishment* thereof; ⁱbecause they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

4 ^kBut I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

5 I will break also the ^lbar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from ^mthe plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from ⁿthe house of Eden: and ^othe people of Syria shall go into captivity ^punto Kir, saith the LORD.

6 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^qGaza, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they ^rcarried away captive the whole captivity, ^sto deliver *them* up to Edom:

7 ^tBut I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof:

8 And I will cut off the inhabitant ^ufrom Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will ^vturn mine hand against Ekron: and ^wthe remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord God.

9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^xTyrus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; ^ybecause they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not ^zthe brotherly covenant:

10 ^{aa}But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

11 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^{ab}Edom, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he did pursue ^{ac}his brother ^bwith the sword, and ^{ad}did cast off all pity, ^cand his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:

12 But ^{ae}I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

13 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^{af}the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have ^{ag}ripped up the women with child of Gilead, ^{ah}that they might enlarge their border:

14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of ^{ai}Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, ^{aj}with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

15 And ^{ak}their king shall go into

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¹ Zeph. 2. 4.
² Zech. 9. 5, 6.
³ Ps. 81. 14.
⁴ Jer. 47. 4.
⁵ Ezek. 25. 16.

⁶ Isai. 23. 1.
⁷ Jer. 47. 4.
⁸ Ezek. 26. & 27, & 28.
⁹ Joel 3. 4, 5.
¹⁰ ver. 6.

¹¹ Heb. *the covenant of brethren*,
¹² 2 Sam. 5. 11.
¹³ 1 Kin. 5. 1. & 9. 11,—14.
¹⁴ ver. 4, 7, &c.

¹⁵ Isai. 21. 11. & 34. 5.
¹⁶ Jer. 49. 8, &c.
¹⁷ Ezek. 25. 12, 13, 14. & 35. 2, &c.
¹⁸ Joel 3. 19.
¹⁹ Obad. 1, &c.
²⁰ Mal. 1. 4.

²¹ Gen. 27. 41.
²² Deut. 23. 7.
²³ Mal. 1. 2.
²⁴ 2 Chron. 28. 17.

²⁵ Heb. *corrupted his compassions*.

²⁶ Ezek. 35. 5.
²⁷ Obad. 9, 10.
²⁸ Jer. 49. 1, 2.
²⁹ Ezek. 25. 2.
³⁰ Zeph. 2. 9.

³¹ Or, *divided the mountains*.
³² Hos. 13. 16.
³³ Jer. 49. 1.

³⁴ Deut. 3. 11.
³⁵ 2 Sam. 12. 26.
³⁶ Jer. 49. 2.
³⁷ Ezek. 25. 5.
³⁸ ch. 2. 2.

³⁹ Jer. 49. 3.

^a ch. 7. 14.
^b 2 Sam. 14. 2.
^c 2 Chron. 20. 20.

^d Hos. 1. 1.

^e ch. 7. 10.

^f Zech. 14. 5.

^g Jer. 25. 30.
^h Joel 3. 16.

ⁱ 1 Sam. 25. 2.
^j Isai. 33. 9.

^k Isai. 8. 4. & 17. 1.

^l Jer. 49. 23.
^m Zech. 9. 1.

ⁿ Or, *yea, for four*.

^o Or, *convert it, or, let it be quiet: and so ver. 6, &c.*

^p 2 Kin. 10. 33. & 13. 7.

^q Jer. 17. 27. & 49. 27.
^r ver. 7, 10, 12.
^s ch. 2. 2, 5.

^t Jer. 51. 30.
^u Lam. 2. 9.

^v Or, *Bikath-aven*.

^w Or, *Beth-eden*.

^x Fulfilled,
^y 2 Kin. 16. 9.

^z ch. 9. 7.

^{aa} 2 Chron. 28. 18.
^{ab} Isai. 14. 29.
^{ac} Jer. 47. 4, 5.
^{ad} Ezek. 25. 15.
^{ae} Zeph. 2. 4.

^{af} Or, *carried them away with an entire captivity*,
^{ag} 2 Chron. 21. 16, 17.
^{ah} Joel 3. 6.

^{ai} ver. 9.

^{aj} Jer. 47. 1.

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captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER II.

¹ God's wrath against Moab, ⁴ upon Judah, ⁶ and upon Israel. ⁹ God complaineth of their unthankfulness.

THUS saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^a Moab, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he ^b burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

² But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of ^c Kirioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, ^d with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet:

³ And I will cut off ^e the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

⁴ ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; ^f because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and ^g their lies caused them to err, ^h after the which their fathers have walked:

⁵ ⁱ But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

⁶ ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because ^k they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

⁷ That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and ^l turn aside the way of the meek: ^m and a man and his father will go in unto the *same* ⁿ maid, ^o to profane my holy name:

⁸ And they lay *themselves* down upon clothes ^p laid to pledge ^q by every altar, and they drink the wine of ^r the condemned in the house of their god.

⁹ ¶ Yet destroyed I the ^s Amorite before them, ^t whose height was

like the height of the cedars, and he *was* strong as the oaks; yet I ^u destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

¹⁰ Also ^v I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and ^w led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

¹¹ And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for ^x Nazarites. *Is it not even thus*, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.

¹² But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, ^y saying, Prophecy not.

¹³ ^z Behold, ^{aa} I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed *that is* full of sheaves.

¹⁴ ^{ab} Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, ^{ac} neither shall the mighty deliver ^{ad} himself:

¹⁵ Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and *he that is* swift of foot shall not deliver *himself*: ^{ae} neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.

¹⁶ And *he that is* ^{af} courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER III.

¹ The necessity of God's judgment against Israel. ⁹ The publication of it, with the causes thereof.

HEAR this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

² ^{ag} You only have I known of all the families of the earth: ^{ah} therefore I will ^{ai} punish you for all your iniquities.

³ Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

⁴ Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion ^{aj} cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

⁵ Can a bird fall in a snare upon

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^a Isai. 5. 24.
Mal. 4. 1.
^b Ex. 12. 51.
Mic. 6. 4.
^c Deut. 2. 7.
& 8. 2.

^x Num. 6. 2.
Judg. 13. 5.

^y Isai. 30. 10.
Jer. 11. 21.
ch. 7. 12, 13.
Mic. 2. 6.

^z Isai. 1. 14.
^{aa} Or, *I will press your place, as a cart full of sheaves presseth.*

^{ab} Jer. 9. 23.
ch. 9. 1, &c.

^{ac} Ps. 33. 16.
^{ad} Hob. his soul, or, life.

^{ae} Ps. 33. 17.

^{af} Heb. strong of his heart.

^{ag} Deut. 7. 6.
& 10. 15.
Ps. 147. 19, 20.

^{ah} See Dan. 9. 12.
Matt. 11. 22.
Luke 12. 47.
Rom. 2. 9.
1 Pet. 4. 17.

^{aj} Heb. visit upon.

^{ak} Heb. give forth his voice.

^a Isai. 15. & 16.
Jer. 48.
Ezek. 25. 8.
Zeph. 2. 8.

^b 2 Kin. 3. 27.

^c Jer. 48. 41.

^d ch. 1. 14.

^e Num. 24. 17.
Jer. 48. 7.

^f Lev. 26. 14,
15. Neh. 1. 7.
Dan. 9. 11.

^g Isai. 28. 15.
Jer. 16. 19, 20.
Rom. 1. 25.

^h Ezek. 20. 13,
16, 18, 24, 30.

ⁱ Jer. 17. 27.
Hos. 8. 14.

^k Isai. 29. 21.
ch. 8. 6.

^l Isai. 10. 2.
ch. 5. 12.

^m Ezek. 22. 11.

ⁿ Or, *young woman.*

^o Lev. 20. 3.
Ezek. 36. 20.
Rom. 2. 24.

^p Ex. 22. 26.

^q Ezek. 23. 41.
1 Cor. 8. 10.
& 10. 21.

^r Or, *such as have fined, or, mulcted.*

^s Num. 21. 24.
Deut. 2. 31.
Joah. 24. 8.

^t Num. 13. 28,
32, 33.

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787.^a Or, not run together?^o Isai. 45. 7.^a Or, and shall not the LORD do somewhat?^d Gen. 6. 13. & 18. 17. Ps. 25. 14. John 15. 15.^o ch. 1. 2.^f Acts 4. 20. & 5. 20, 29. 1 Cor. 9. 16.^a Or, oppressions.^g Jer. 4. 22.^h Or, spoil.^h 2 Kin. 17. 3, 6. & 18. 9, 10, 11.^g Heb. delivereth.^g Or, on the bed's feet.^g Or, punish Israel for.ⁱ Jer. 36. 22.^k Judg. 3. 20.ⁱ 1 Kin. 22. 39.

the earth, where no gin *is* for him? shall *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people ²not be afraid? ^oshall there be evil in a city, ³and the LORD hath not done it?

7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but ^dhe revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

8 ^eThe lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, ^fwho can but prophesy?

9 ^g¶ Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the ⁴oppressed in the midst thereof.

10 For they ^gknow not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and ⁵robbery in their palaces.

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; ^hAn adversary *there shall be* even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.

12 Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd ⁶taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and ⁷in Damascus *in* a couch.

13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,

14 That in the day that I shall ⁸visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Beth-el: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

15 And I will smite ⁱthe winter house with ^kthe summer house; and ⁱthe houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER IV.

¹ He reproveth Israel for oppression, ⁴ for idolatry, ⁶ and for their incorrigibleness.

HEAR this word, ye ^aking of Bashan, that *are* in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

2 ^bThe Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away ^cwith hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

3 And ^dye shall go out at the breaches, every *cow at that which is* before her; and ²ye shall cast *them* into the palace, saith the LORD.

4 [¶] ^eCome to Beth-el, and transgress; at ^fGilgal multiply transgression; and ^gbring your sacrifices every morning, ^hand your tithes after ³three years:

5 ⁱAnd ⁴offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim *and* publish ^kthe free offerings: ¹for ⁵this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

6 [¶] And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: ^myet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

8 So two *or* three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: ⁿyet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

9 ^oI have smitten you with blasting and mildew: ⁶when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, ^pthe palmerworm devoured *them*: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

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787.^a Ps. 22. 12. Ezek. 39. 18.^b Ps. 89. 35.^c Jer. 16. 16. Hab. 1. 15.^d Ezek. 12. 5, 12.^a Or, ye shall cast away the things of the palace.^e Ezek. 20. 39.^f Hos. 4. 15. & 12. 11. ch. 5. 5.^g Num. 28. 3, 4.^h Deut. 14. 28.ⁱ Heb. three years of days.^j Lev. 7. 13. & 23. 17.^k Heb. offer by burning.^l Lev. 22. 18, 21.^m Deut. 12. 6.ⁿ Ps. 81. 12.^o Heb. so ye love.^p Isai. 26. 11.^q Jer. 5. 3.^r ver. 8, 9. Hag. 2. 17.^s ver. 6, 10, 11.^t Deut. 28. 22. Hag. 2. 17.^u Or, the multitude of your gardens, &c. did the palmerworm, &c.^v Joel 1. 4. & 2. 25.

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^a Or, *in the way.*
^q Ex. 9. 3. 6. & 12. 29.
 Deut. 28. 27. 60. Ps. 78. 50.
^r Heb. *with the captivity of your horses,*
 2 Kin. 13. 7.
^r ver. 6.
^s Gen. 19. 24, 25.
 Isai. 13. 19. Jer. 49. 18.
^t Zech. 3. 2. Jude 23.
^u ver. 6.
^x See Ezek. 13. 5. & 22. 30. Luke 14. 31, 32.
^y Or, *spirit.*
^z Ps. 139. 2. Dan. 2. 28.
^{aa} ch. 5. 8. & 8. 9.
^{ab} Deut. 32. 13. & 33. 29.
 Mic. 1. 3.
^{ac} Isai. 47. 4. Jer. 10. 16.
 ch. 5. 8. & 9. 6.

^{ad} Jer. 7. 29. Ezek. 19. 1. & 27. 2.

^{ae} 2 Chron. 15. 2. Jer. 29. 13. ver. 6.
^{af} Isai. 55. 3.
^{ag} ch. 4. 4.
^{ah} ch. 8. 14.

^{ai} Hos. 4. 15. & 10. 8.

^{aj} ver. 4.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence ^aafter the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, ^band have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: ^cyet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

11 I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew ^dSodom and Gomorrah, ^eand ye were as a fire-brand plucked out of the burning: ^fyet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, ^gprepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the ^hwind, ⁱand declareth unto man what is his thought, ^jthat maketh the morning darkness, ^kand treadeth upon the high places of the earth, ^lThe LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.

CHAPTER V.

1 A lamentation for Israel. 4 An exhortation to repentance. 21 God rejecteth their hypocritical service.

HEAR ye this word which I ^atake up against you, *even* a lamentation, O house of Israel.

2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is* none to raise her up.

3 For thus saith the Lord God; The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth *by* an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

4 ¶ For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, ^bSeek ye me, ^cand ye shall live:

5 But seek not ^dBeth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to ^eBeer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and ^fBeth-el shall come to nought.

6 ^gSeek the LORD, and ye shall

live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* none to quench it in Beth-el.

7 Ye who ^hturn judgment to worm-wood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

8 *Seek him* that maketh the ⁱseven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, ^jand maketh the day dark with night: that ^kcalleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: ^lThe LORD is his name:

9 That strengtheneth the ^mspoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.

10 ⁿThey hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they ^oabhor him that speaketh uprightly.

11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading *is* upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ^pye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted ^qpleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: ^rthey afflict the just, they take ^sa bribe, and they ^tturn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*.

13 Therefore ^uthe prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, ^vas ye have spoken.

15 ^wHate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: ^xit may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing *shall be* in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning,

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^a ch. 6. 12.

^b Job 9. 9. & 38. 31.

^c Ps. 104. 20.

^d Job 38. 34. ch. 9. 6.

^e ch. 4. 13.

^f Heb. *spoil.*

^g Isai. 29. 21.

^h 1 Kin. 22. 8.

ⁱ Deut. 28. 30, 38, 39.
 Mic. 6. 15.
 Zeph. 1. 13.
 Hag. 1. 6.

^j Heb. *vineyards of desire.*

^k ch. 2. 6.

^l Or, *a ransom.*
^m Isai. 29. 21. ch. 2. 7.

ⁿ ch. 6. 10.

^o Mic. 3. 11.

^p Ps. 34. 14. & 97. 10.
 Rom. 12. 9.

^q Ex. 32. 30.
 2 Kin. 19. 4.
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^d Jer. 9. 17.
^a Ex. 12. 12.
Nah. 1. 12.
^a Isai. 5. 19.
Jer. 17. 15.
Ezek. 12. 22,
27.
² Pet. 3. 4.
^b Jer. 30. 7.
Joel 2. 2.
Zeph. 1. 15.
^c Jer. 48. 44.

^d Prov. 21. 27.
Isai. 1. 11,—
16.
Jer. 6. 20.
Hos. 8. 13.
^c Lev. 26. 31.
^a Or, *smell
your holy
days.*
^f Isai. 66. 3.
Mic. 6. 6, 7.
^a Or, *thank
offerings.*

^a Hos. 6. 6.
Mic. 6. 8.
^a Heb. *roll.*

^b Dent. 32. 17.
Josh. 24. 14.
Ezek. 20. 8,
16, 24.
Acts 7. 42, 43.
See Isai. 43.
23.
^a Or, *Siccuth
your king.*
^f 1 Kin. 11. 33.

^a 2 Kin. 17. 6.
^f ch. 4. 13.

^a Luke 6. 24.
^a Or, *are
secure.*
^b Ex. 19. 5.
^f Or, *first-
fruits.*
^c Jer. 2. 10.
^d Isai. 10. 9.
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^c 2 Kin. 18. 34.

and ^v such as are skilful of lamen-
tation to wailing.

17 And in all vineyards *shall be*
wailing: for ^v I will pass through
thee, saith the LORD.

18 ^a Woe unto you that desire the
day of the LORD! to what end *is*
it for you? ^b the day of the LORD
is darkness, and not light.

19 ^a As if a man did flee from a
lion, and a bear met him; or went
into the house, and leaned his hand
on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 *Shall* not the day of the LORD
be darkness, and not light? even
very dark, and no brightness in
it?

21 ¶ ^d I hate, I despise your feast
days, and ^e I will not ^a smell in your
solemn assemblies.

22 ^f Though ye offer me burnt of-
ferings and your meat offerings, I
will not accept *them*: neither will I
regard the ³ peace offerings of your
fat beasts.

28 Take thou away from me the
noise of thy songs; for I will not
hear the melody of thy viols.

24 ^a But let judgment ⁴ run down
as waters, and righteousness as a
mighty stream.

25 ^b Have ye offered unto me sacri-
fices and offerings in the wilderness
forty years, O house of Israel?

26 But ye have borne ⁵ the taber-
nacle ¹ of your Moloch and Chiun
your images, the star of your god,
which ye made to yourselves.

27 Therefore will I cause you to
go into captivity ^k beyond Damas-
cus, saith the LORD, ¹ whose name
is The God of hosts.

CHAPTER VI.

¹ The wantonness of Israel, ⁷ shall be plagued
with desolation, ¹² and their incorrigible-
ness.

WOE ^a to them that ^a are at
ease in Zion, and trust in
the mountain of Samaria, *which are*
named ^b chief of the nations, to
whom the house of Israel came!

² ^a Pass ye unto ^d Calneh, and see;
and from thence go ye to ^a Hamath

the great: then go down to ^f Gath
of the Philistines: ^a *be they* better
than these kingdoms? or their bor-
der greater than your border?

³ Ye that ^b put far away the ¹ evil
day, ^k and cause ¹ the ² seat of vio-
lence to come near;

⁴ That lie upon beds of ivory,
and ³ stretch themselves upon their
couches, and eat the lambs out of
the flock, and the calves out of the
midst of the stall;

⁵ ^m That ⁴ chant to the sound of
the viol, *and* invent to themselves
instruments of musick, ⁿ like Da-
vid;

⁶ That drink ⁵ wine in bowls, and
anoint themselves with the chief
ointments: ^o but they are not griev-
ed for the ⁶ affliction of Joseph.

⁷ ¶ Therefore now shall they go
captive with the first that go cap-
tive, and the banquet of them that
stretched themselves shall be re-
moved.

⁸ ^p The Lord God hath sworn by
himself, saith the LORD the God
of hosts, I abhor ^a the excellency of
Jacob, and hate his palaces: there-
fore will I deliver up the city with
all ⁷ that is therein.

⁹ And it shall come to pass, if
there remain ten men in one house,
that they shall die.

¹⁰ And a man's uncle shall take
him up, and he that burneth him,
to bring out the bones out of the
house, and shall say unto him that
is by the sides of the house, *Is*
there yet any with thee? and he
shall say, No. Then shall he say,
¹ Hold thy tongue: ^a for ⁸ we may
not make mention of the name of
the LORD.

¹¹ For, behold, ¹ the LORD com-
mandeth, ^a and he will smite the
great house with ⁹ breaches, and the
little house with clefts.

¹² ¶ Shall horses run upon the
rock? will *one* plow *there* with
oxen? for ^a ye have turned judg-
ment into gall, and the fruit of
righteousness into hemlock:

¹⁸ Ye which rejoice in a thing of

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^f 2 Chron. 26. 6.
^a Nah. 3. 8.
^b Ezek. 12. 27.
¹ ch. 5. 18. &
9. 10.
^k ch. 5. 12.
ver. 12.
¹ Ps. 94. 20.
^a Or,
habitation.
³ Or, *abound
with super-
fluities.*
^m Isai. 5. 12.
⁴ Or, *quaver.*
ⁿ 1 Chron. 23. 5.

⁵ Or, *in bowls
of wine.*
^o Gen. 37. 25.
⁶ Heb. *breach.*

^p Jer. 51. 14.
Hebr. 6. 13,
17.
^q Ps. 47. 4.
Ezek. 24. 21.
ch. 8. 7.

⁷ Heb. *the ful-
ness thereof.*

^r ch. 5. 13.
^a ch. 8. 3.
³ Or, *they will
not, or, have
not.*
^t Isai. 55. 11.
^u ch. 3. 15.
⁵ Or,
droppings.

² Hos. 10. 4.
ch. 5. 7.

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787.⁷ Jer. 5. 15.^{*} Num. 34. 8.
¹ Kin. 8. 65.
^{*} Or, valley.^{*} Or, green
worms.^{*} Isai. 51. 19.
ver. 5.⁴ Or, who of
(or, for)
Jacob shall
stand?^b Deut. 32. 36.
ver. 6.
Jonah 3. 10.
Jam. 5. 16.^{*} ver. 2, 3.^d See 2 Kings
21. 13.
Isai. 29. 17.
& 34. 11.
Lam. 2. 8.
^{*} ch. 8. 2.
Mic. 7. 18.
^f Beer-sheba,
Gen. 28. 23.
& 46. 1.
ch. 5. 5. &
8. 14.

nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

14 But, behold, ^vI will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the ^{*}entering in of Hemath unto the ²river of the wilderness.

CHAPTER VII.

¹ The judgments of the grasshoppers, ⁴ and of the fire, are diverted by the prayer of Amos. ⁷ By the wall of a plumbline is signified the rejection of Israel. ¹⁰ Amaziah complaineth of Amos. ¹⁴ Amos sheweth his calling, ¹⁶ and Amaziah's judgment.

THUS hath the Lord God shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed ³grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings.

² And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee: ["]by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

⁸ ^bThe LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

⁴ ¶ Thus hath the Lord God shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

⁵ Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee: ["]by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

⁶ The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord God.

⁷ ¶ Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

⁸ And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, ^dI will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: ["]I will not again pass by them any more:

⁹ And the high places of Isaac

shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and ["]I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

¹⁰ ¶ Then Amaziah ^bthe priest of Beth-el sent to ¹Jeroboam, king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

¹¹ For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

¹² Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

¹³ But ^kprophesy not again any more at Beth-el: ¹for it *is* the king's ²chapel, and it *is* the ³king's court.

¹⁴ ¶ Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I *was* no prophet, neither *was* I ^ma prophet's son; ["]but I *was* an herdsman, and a gatherer of ⁴sycomore fruit:

¹⁵ And the LORD took me ⁵as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

¹⁶ ¶ Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and ["]drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac.

¹⁷ ^pTherefore thus saith the LORD; ["]Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

CHAPTER VIII.

¹ By a basket of summer fruit is shewed the propinquity of Israel's end. ⁴ Oppression is reprov'd. ¹¹ A famine of the word threatened.

THUS hath the Lord God shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit.

² And he said, Amos, what seest

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787.⁵ Fulfilled,
² Kin. 15. 10.
¹ Kin. 12. 32.
² Kin. 14. 23.^k ch. 2. 12.¹ Kin. 12. 32.
& 13. 1.² Or,
sanctuary.
³ Heb. house of
the kingdom.^m 1 Kin. 20. 35.
² Kin. 2. 5. &
4. 38. & 6. 1:ⁿ ch. 1. 1.
Zech. 13. 5.⁴ Or, wild figs.
⁵ Heb. from
behind.^o Ezek. 21. 2.
Mic. 2. 6.^p See Jer. 29.
12. & 29. 21,
25, 31, 32.^q Isai. 13. 16.
Lam. 5. 11.
Hos. 4. 13.
Zech. 14. 2.

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^a Ezek. 7. 2.
^b ch. 7. 8.

^c ch. 5. 23.
^d Heb. *shall howl*.

^d ch. 6. 9, 10.
^e Heb. *be silent*.
^f Ps. 14. 4.
Prov. 30. 14.

^g Or, *month*.

^h Neh. 13. 15, 16.
ⁱ Heb. *open*.
^j Mic. 6. 10, 11.
^k Heb. *perverting the balances of deceit*,
Hos. 12. 7.
^l ch. 2. 6.

^m ch. 6. 8.
ⁿ Hos. 8. 13.
& 9. 9.

^o Hos. 4. 3.

^p ch. 2. 5.

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^q Job 5. 14.
Isai. 13. 10. &
59. 9, 10.
Jer. 15. 9.
Mic. 3. 6.

^r Isai. 15. 2, 3.
Jer. 48. 37.
Ezek. 7. 18.
& 27. 31.
^s Jer. 6. 28.
Zech. 12. 10.

^t 1 Sam. 3. 1.
Ps. 74. 9.
Ezek. 7. 26.

thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, ^aThe end is come upon my people of Israel; ^bI will not again pass by them any more.

^c And ^dthe songs of the temple ^eshall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place; ^fthey shall cast *them* forth ^gwith silence.

^h ¶ Hear this, O ye that ⁱswallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

^j Saying, When will the ^knew moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and ^lthe sabbath, that we may ^mset forth wheat, ⁿmaking the ephah small, and the shekel great, and ^ofalsifying the balances by deceit?

^p That we may buy the poor for ^qsilver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yea*, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

^r The LORD hath sworn by ^sthe excellency of Jacob, Surely ^tI will never forget any of their works.

^u Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, ^vas *by* the flood of Egypt.

^w And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, ^xthat I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:

^y And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; ^zand I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; ^{aa}and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

^{ab} ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but ^{ac}of hearing the words of the LORD:

^{ad} And they shall wander from

sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.

^{ae} In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

^{af} They that ^{ag}swear by ^{ah}the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The ^{ai}manner ^{aj}of Beer-sheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

CHAPTER IX.

¹ The certainty of the desolation. ¹¹ The restoring of the tabernacle of David.

I SAW the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the ¹lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and ²cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: ³he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

⁴ Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; ⁵though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

⁶ And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

⁷ And though they go into captivity before their enemies, ⁸thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and ⁹I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

¹⁰ And the Lord God of hosts *is* he that toucheth the land, and it shall ¹¹melt, ¹²and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

¹³ *It is* he that buildeth his ¹⁴stories in the heaven, and hath founded his ¹⁵troop in the earth; he that ¹⁶calleth for the waters of the sea,

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¹⁷ Hos. 4. 15.
¹⁸ Deut. 9. 21.

¹⁹ Heb. *way*:
See Acts 9. 2.
& 18. 25. &
19. 9, 23. &
24. 14.
²⁰ ch. 5. 5.

²¹ Or, *chapter*,
or, *knop*.
²² Or, *wound*
them.
²³ Ps. 68. 21.
Hab. 3. 13.
²⁴ ch. 2. 14.

²⁵ Ps. 139. 8, &c.

²⁶ Job 20. 6.
Jer. 51. 53.
Obad. 4.

²⁷ Lev. 26. 33.
Deut. 28. 65.
Ezek. 5. 12.
²⁸ Lev. 17. 10.
Jer. 44. 11.

²⁹ Mic. 1. 4.
³⁰ ch. 8. 8.

³¹ Or, *spheres*.
³² Heb.
ascensions.
³³ Ps. 104. 3, 13.
³⁴ Or, *bundle*.
³⁵ ch. 5. 8.

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787.¹ ch. 4. 13.^m Jer. 47. 4.ⁿ Deut. 2. 23.

Jer. 47. 4.

^o ch. 1. 5.^p ver. 4.^q Jer. 30. 11.

& 31. 35, 36.

Obad. 16, 17.

^r Heb. *cause*
to move.^s Heb. *stone*.^t ch. 6. 3.^u Acts 15. 16,
17.^v Heb. *hedge*,
or, *wall*.^w Jo.
Jai^x ve

and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: ¹The LORD is his name.

⁷ Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the ^mPhilistines from ⁿCapthor, and the Syrians from ^oKir?

⁸ Behold, ^pthe eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I ^qwill destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

⁹ For, lo, I will command, and I will ^rsift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least ^sgrain fall upon the earth.

¹⁰ All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, ^twhich say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

¹¹ ¶ ^uIn that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and ^vclose up the breaches

thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

¹² That they may possess the remnant of ^wEdom, and of all the heathen, ^xwhich are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

¹³ Behold, ^ythe days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that ^zsoweth seed; ¹and the mountains shall drop ²sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

¹⁴ And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and ^athey shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

¹⁵ And I will plant them upon their land, and ^bthey shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

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787.^a Obad. 19.^b Num. 24. 18.^c Heb. *upon whom my name is called*.^d Lev. 26. 5.^e Heb. *draw-eth forth*.^f Joel 3. 18.^g Or, *new wine*.^h Jer. 30. 3.ⁱ Isai. 61. 4.
& 65. 21.
Ezek. 36. 33,
—36.^j Isai. 60. 21.
Jer. 32. 41.
Ezek. 34. 28.
Joel 3. 20.

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^a Isai. 21. 11.
& 34. 5.
Ezek. 25. 12,
13, 14.
Joel 3. 19.
Mal. 1. 3.
^b Jer. 49. 14,
&c.

^c 2 Kin. 14. 7.
^d Isai. 14. 13,
14, 15.
Rev. 18. 7.

^e Job 20. 6.
Jer. 49. 16.
& 51. 53.
Amos 9. 2.
^f Hab. 2. 9.

^g Jer. 49. 9.

^h Deut. 24. 21.
Isai. 17. 6. &
24. 13.
ⁱ Or,
gleanings?

^j Heb. *the men
of thy peace.*

^k Jer. 38. 22.

^l Heb. *the men
of thy bread.*
^m Isai. 19. 11,
12.

ⁿ Or, *of it.*

^o Job 5. 12, 13.
Isai. 29. 14.
Jer. 49. 7.

¹ *The destruction of Edom, 3 for their pride,
10 and for their wrong unto Jacob. 17 The
salvation and victory of Jacob.*

THE vision of Obadiah. Thus
saith the Lord God ^a concern-
ing Edom; ^b We have heard a
rumour from the LORD, and an
ambassador is sent among the hea-
then, Arise ye, and let us rise up
against her in battle.

² Behold, I have made thee small
among the heathen: thou art great-
ly despised.

³ ¶ The pride of thine heart hath
deceived thee, thou that dwellest
in the clefts ^c of the rock, whose
habitation *is* high; ^d that saith in
his heart, Who shall bring me down
to the ground?

⁴ ^e Though thou exalt *thyself* as
the eagle, and though thou ^f set
thy nest among the stars, thence
will I bring thee down, saith the
LORD.

⁵ If ^g thieves came to thee, if rob-
bers by night, (how art thou cut
off!) would they not have stolen
till they had enough? if the grape-
gatherers came to thee, ^h would they
not leave ⁱ some grapes?

⁶ How are *the things* of Esau
searched out! *how* are his hidden
things sought up!

⁷ All the men of thy confede-
racy have brought thee *even* to the
border: ^j the men that were at
peace with thee have deceived
thee, *and* prevailed against thee;
^k *they that eat thy bread have laid*
a wound under thee: ^l there is none
understanding ^m in him.

⁸ Shall I not in that day, saith
the LORD, even destroy the wise

men out of Edom, and understand-
ing out of the mount of Esau?

⁹ And thy ⁿ mighty men, O ⁿ Te-
man, shall be dismayed, to the end
that every one of the mount of Esau
may be cut off by slaughter.

¹⁰ ¶ For *thy* ^o violence against thy
brother Jacob shame shall cover
thee, and ^p thou shalt be cut off
for ever.

¹¹ In the day that thou stoodest
on the other side, in the day that
the strangers ^q carried away captive
his forces, and foreigners entered
into his gates, and ^r cast lots upon
Jerusalem, even thou *wast* as one
of them.

¹² But ^s thou shouldest not have
^t looked on ^t the day of thy brother
in the day that he became a stran-
ger; neither shouldest thou have
^u rejoiced over the children of Judah
in the day of their destruction; nei-
ther shouldest thou have ^v spoken
proudly in the day of distress.

¹³ Thou shouldest not have enter-
ed into the gate of my people in
the day of their calamity; yea, thou
shouldest not have looked on their
affliction in the day of their calamity,
nor have laid *hands* on their ^w sub-
stance in the day of their calamity;

¹⁴ Neither shouldest thou have
stood in the crossway, to cut off
those of his that did escape; nei-
ther shouldest thou have ^x delivered
up those of his that did remain in
the day of distress.

¹⁵ ^y For the day of the LORD *is*
near upon all the heathen: ^z as thou
hast done, it shall be done unto
thee: thy reward shall return upon
thine own head.

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^{aa} Ps. 76. 5.
Amos 2. 16.
^{ab} Jer. 49. 7.

^{ac} Gen. 27. 41.
Ps. 137. 7.
Ezek. 25. 12.
& 35. 5.
Amos 1. 11.
^{ad} Ezek. 35. 9.
Mal. 1. 4.

^{ae} Or, *carried
away his
substance.*
^{af} Joel 3. 3.
Nah. 3. 10.

^{ag} Or, *do not
behold, &c.*
^{ah} Ps. 22. 17. &
54. 7. & 59. 10.
Mic. 4. 11. &
7. 10.
^{ai} Ps. 37. 13. &
137. 7.
^{aj} Job 31. 29.
Prov. 17. 5. &
24. 17, 18.
Mic. 7. 8.
^{ak} Heb.
*magnified
thy mouth.*

^{al} Or, *forces.*

^{am} Or, *shut up,*
Ps. 31. 8.

^{an} Ezek. 30. 3.
Joel 3. 14.
^{ao} Ezek. 35. 15.
Hab. 2. 8.
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⁷ Jer. 25. 28, 29.
& 49. 12.
Joel 3. 17.
1 Pet. 4. 17.
⁸ Or, *sup up*.
⁹ Joel 2. 32.
¹⁰ Amos 9. 8.
¹¹ Or, *they that escape*.
¹² Or, *it shall be holy*,
Joel 3. 17.
¹³ Isai. 10. 17.
Zech. 12. 6.

16 ⁷ For as ye have drunk up-
on my holy mountain, *so* shall all
the heathen drink continually, yea,
they shall drink, and they shall
² swallow down, and they shall be
as though they had not been.

17 ¶ ² But upon mount Zion ¹ shall
be ³ deliverance, and ⁴ there shall be
holiness; and the house of Jacob
shall possess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob ^b shall
be a fire, and the house of Joseph
a flame, and the house of Esau for
stubble, and they shall kindle in
them, and devour them; and there
shall not be *any* remaining of the
house of Esau; for the LORD hath
spoken *it*.

19 And *they of* the south ^o shall
possess the mount of Esau; ^d and
they of the plain the Philistines:
and they shall possess the fields
of Ephraim, and the fields of Sa-
maria: and Benjamin *shall possess*
Gilead.

20 And the captivity of this host
of the children of Israel *shall pos-
sess* that of the Canaanites, *even*
^o unto Zarephath; and the capti-
vity of Jerusalem, ² which *is* in Se-
pharad, ^f shall possess the cities of
the south.

21 And ^s saviours shall come up
on mount Zion to judge the mount
of Esau; and the ^h kingdom shall
be the LORD's.

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^c Amos 9. 12.
^d Zeph. 2. 7.

^e 1 Kin. 17. 9,
10.

^f Or, shall
possess *that*
which is in
Sepharad.

^g Jer. 32. 44.

^h 1 Tim. 4. 16.
Jam. 5. 20.

ⁱ Ps. 22. 28.
Dan. 2. 44. &
7. 14, 27.
Zech. 14. 9.
Luke 1. 33.
Rev. 11. 15.
& 19. 6.

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CHAPTER I.

1 *Jonah, sent to Nineveh, fleeth to Tarshish.*
4 *He is bewrayed by a tempest, 11 thrown*
into the sea, 17 and swallowed by a fish.

NOW the word of the LORD
came unto ² Jonah the son
of Amittai, saying,

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that ^b great
city, and cry against it; for ^o their
wickedness is come up before me.

3 But Jonah ^d rose up to flee unto
Tarshish from the presence of the
LORD, and went down to ^o Joppa;
and he found a ship going to Tar-
shish: so he paid the fare thereof,
and went down into it, to go with
them unto Tarshish ^f from the pre-
sence of the LORD.

4 ¶ But ^s the LORD ³ sent out a
great wind into the sea, and there
was a mighty tempest in the sea,
so that the ship was ⁴ like to be
broken.

5 Then the mariners were afraid,

and cried every man unto his god,
and ^h cast forth the wares that *were*
in the ship into the sea, to lighten
it of them. But Jonah was gone
down ⁱ into the sides of the ship;
and he lay, and was fast asleep.

6 So the shipmaster came to him,
and said unto him, What meanest
thou, O sleeper? arise, ^k call upon
thy God, ¹ if so be that God will
think upon us, that we perish not.

7 And they said every one to his
fellow, Come, and let us ^m cast lots,
that we may know for whose cause
this evil *is* upon us. So they cast
lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

8 Then said they unto him, ⁿ Tell
us, we pray thee, for whose cause
this evil *is* upon us; What *is* thine
occupation? and whence comest
thou? what *is* thy country? and of
what people *art* thou?

9 And he said unto them, I *am* an
Hebrew; and I fear ² the LORD, the

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^a So Acts 27.

18, 19, 38.

^b 1 Sam. 24. 3.

^c Ps. 107. 28.

^d Joel 2. 14.

^e Josh. 7. 14,
16. 1 Sam.
10. 20, 21. &
14. 41, 42.
Prov. 16. 33.
Acts 1. 26.

^f Josh. 7. 19.
1 Sam. 14. 43.

^g Or, JEHO
VAH.

¹ 2 Kin. 14. 25.
² Called, Matt.
12. 39, *Jonas*.
³ Gen. 10. 11,
12. ch. 3. 2, 3.
& 4. 11.
⁴ Gen. 18. 20,
21. Ezra 9. 6.
Jam. 5. 4.
Rev. 18. 5.
⁵ ch. 4. 2.
⁶ Josh. 19. 46.
2 Chron. 2. 16.
Acts 9. 36.

⁷ Gen. 4. 16.
Job 1. 12.
& 2. 7.

⁸ Ps. 107. 25.
⁹ Heb. *cast*
forth.

¹⁰ Heb. *thought*
to be broken.

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^o Ps. 146. 6.
Acts 17. 24.
^a Heb. *with great fear.*

^a Heb. *may be silent from us.*

^a Or, *grew more and more tempestuous.*

^b Heb. *went.*
^c John 11. 50.

^a Heb. *digged.*

^a Prov. 21. 30.

^r Deut. 21. 8.

^a Ps. 115. 3.

^t Ps. 89. 9.
Luke 8. 24.
⁷ Heb. *stood.*

^u Mark 4. 41.
Acts 5. 11.
^b Heb. *sacrificed a sacrifice unto the LORD, and vowed vows.*

^x Matt. 12. 40.
& 16. 4.
Luke 11. 30.

^b Heb. *bowels.*

^a Ps. 120. 1.
& 130. 1. &
142. 1. Lam.
3. 55, 56.

^a Or, *out of mine affliction.*

^b Ps. 65. 2.

³ Or, *the grave,*
Isai. 14. 9.

^c Ps. 88. 6.

^a Heb. *heart.*

God of heaven, ^o which hath made the sea and the dry land.

10 Then were the men ² exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

11 ¶ Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea ³ may be calm unto us? for the sea ^{4 5} wrought, and was tempestuous.

12 And he said unto them, ^p Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.

13 Nevertheless the men ⁶ rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; ^a but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and ^r lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, ^u hast done as it pleased thee.

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: ^t and the sea ⁷ ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men ^u feared the LORD exceedingly, and ⁸ offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

17 ¶ Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And ^x Jonah was in the ⁹ belly of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAPTER II.

1 The prayer of Jonah. 10 He is delivered from the fish.

THEN Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

2 And said, I ^a cried ² by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, ^b and he heard me; out of the belly of ³ hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice.

3 ^o For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the ⁴ midst of the

seas; and the floods compassed me about: ^d all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

4 ^o Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again ^f toward thy holy temple.

5 The ^e waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

6 I went down to the ² bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life ^h from ³ corruption, O LORD my God.

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: ⁱ and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

8 They that observe ^k lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

9 But I will ¹ sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. ^m Salvation *is* of the LORD.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

CHAPTER III.

1 Jonah, sent again, preacheth to the Ninevites.
5 Upon their repentance, 10 God repenteth.

AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an ⁴ exceeding great city of three days' journey.

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and ^a he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 ¶ So the people of Nineveh ^b believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his

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^d Ps. 42. 7.
^o Ps. 31. 22.

^f 1 Kin. 8. 38.

^e Ps. 69. 1.
Lam. 3. 54.

^a Heb. *cuttings off.*

^h Ps. 16. 10.

³ Or, *the pit.*

ⁱ Ps. 18. 6.

^k 2 Kin. 17. 15.
Ps. 31. 6.
Jer. 10. 8.
& 16. 19.
¹ Ps. 50. 14, 23.
& 116. 17, 18.
Hos. 14. 2.
Hebr. 13. 15.
^m Ps. 3. 8.

^a Heb. *of God:*
So Gen. 30. 8.
Ps. 36. 6. &
80. 10.

^a See Deut.
18. 22.

^b Matt. 12. 41.
Luke 11. 32.

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^c Job 2. 8.
^d 2 Chron. 20. 3.
Joel 2. 15.
^e Heb. said.
^f Heb. great
men.

^g Isai. 58. 6.

^h Isai. 59. 6.

ⁱ 2 Sam. 12. 22.
Joel 2. 14.

^j Jer. 18. 8.
Amos 7. 3, 6.

^k ch. 1. 3.

^l Ex. 34. 6.
Ps. 86. 5.
Joel 2. 13.

^m 1 Kin. 19. 4.

throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him* with sackcloth, ^o and sat in ashes.

7 ^d And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and ^e published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his ^f nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, ^g let them turn every one from his evil way, and from ^h the violence that *is* in their hands.

9 ⁱ Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

10 ¶ ^j And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

CHAPTER IV.

1 *Jonah, repining at God's mercy, 4 is reproved by the type of a gourd.*

BUT it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I ^k fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a ^l gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 ^m Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me;

for ⁿ *it is* better for me to die than to live.

4 ¶ Then said the LORD, ^e Doest thou well to be angry?

5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the LORD God prepared a ^g gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah ^h was exceeding glad of the gourd.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a ⁱ vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, ^j *It is* better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, ^k Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, ^l I do well to be angry, *even* unto death.

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast ^m had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which ⁿ came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nineveh, ^o that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons ^p that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also* much ^q cattle?

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^r ver. 8.
^s Or, *Art thou greatly angry?*

^t Or, *palm-crist.*

^u Heb. Kikajon.

^v Heb. *rejoiced with great joy.*

^w Or, *silent.*

^x ver. 3.

^y Or, *Art thou greatly angry?*
^z Or, *I am greatly angry.*

^{aa} Or, *spared.*

^{ab} Heb. *was the son of the night.*

^{ac} ch. 1. 2. & 3. 2, 3.

^{ad} Deut. 1. 39.

^{ae} Ps. 36. 6. & 145. 9.

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CHAPTER I.

1 *Micah sheweth the wrath of God against Jacob for idolatry.* 10 *He exhorteth to mourning.*

THE word of the LORD that came to ^aMicah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, ^bwhich he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 ²Hear, all ye people; ^chearken, O earth, and ³all that therein is: and let the Lord God ^dbe witness against you, the Lord from ^ehis holy temple.

3 For, behold, ^fthe LORD cometh forth out of his ^gplace, and will come down, and tread upon the ^hhigh places of the earth.

4 And ⁱthe mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters *that are* poured down ^ja steep place.

5 For the transgression of Jacob *is* all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the transgression of Jacob? *is it* not Samaria? and what *are* the high places of Judah? *are they* not Jerusalem?

6 Therefore I will make Samaria ^kas an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will ^ldiscover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the ^mhires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered *it* of the hire of an harlot,

and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

8 Therefore ⁿI will wail and howl, ^oI will go stripped and naked: ^pI will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the ^qowls.

9 For ^rher wound *is* incurable; for ^sit is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusalem.

10 ¶ ^tDeclare ye *it* not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of ^uAphrah ^vroll thyself in the dust.

11 Pass ye away, ^wthou ^xinhabitant of Saphir, having thy ^yshame naked: the inhabitant of ^zZaanan came not forth in the mourning of ^{aa}Beth-ezel; he shall receive of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth ^{ab}waited carefully for good: but ^{ac}evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of ^{ad}Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: *she is* the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou ^{ae}give presents ^{af}to Moresheth-gath: the houses of ^{ag}Achzib *shall be* a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of ^{ah}Mareshah: ^{ai}he shall come unto ^{aj}Adullam the glory of Israel.

16 Make thee ^{ak}bald, and poll thee for thy ^{al}delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

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^a Isai. 21. 3. & 22. 4.
^b Jer. 4. 19.
^c Isai. 20. 2, 3, 4.
^d Job 30. 29.
^e Ps. 102. 6.

^f Heb. *daughters of the owl.*
^g Or, *she is grievously sick of her wounds.*

^h 2 Kin. 18. 13.
ⁱ Isai. 8. 7, 8.
^j 2 Sam. 1. 20.
^k That is, *Dust.*

^l Jer. 6. 26.
^m Or, *thou that dwellest fairly.*

ⁿ Heb. *inhabitantess.*
^o Isai. 20. 4. & 47. 2, 3.
^p Jer. 13. 22.
^q Nah. 3. 5.

^r Or, *the country of flocks.*
^s Or, *a place near.*

^t Or, *was grieved.*
^u Amos 3. 6.
^v 2 Kin. 18. 14, 17.

^w 2 Sam. 8. 2.
^x 2 Kin. 18. 14, 15, 16.
^y Or, *for.*
^z That is, *a lie.*
^{aa} Josh. 15. 44.

^{ab} Josh. 15. 44.
^{ac} Or, *the glory of Israel shall come, &c.*

^{ad} 2 Chron. 11. 7.
^{ae} Job 1. 20.
^{af} Isai. 15. 2. & 22. 12.
^{ag} Jer. 7. 29. & 16. 6. & 47. 5. & 48. 37.
^{ah} Lam. 4. 5.

^a Jer. 26. 18.

^b Amos 1. 1.

^c Heb. *Hear, ye people, all of them.*

^d Deut. 32. 1.
^e Isai. 1. 2.

^f Heb. *the fulness thereof.*

^g Ps. 50. 7.
^h Mal. 3. 5.

ⁱ Ps. 11. 4.
^j Jonah 2. 7.

^k Hab. 2. 20.
^l Isai. 26. 21.

^m Ps. 115. 3.
ⁿ Deut. 32. 13.

^o & 33. 29.
^p Amos 4. 13.

^q Judg. 5. 5.
^r Ps. 97. 5.

^s Isai. 64. 1, 2, 3.
^t Amos 9. 5.

^u Hab. 3. 6, 10.
^v Heb. *a descent.*

^k 2 Kin. 19. 25.
^l ch. 3. 12.

ⁱ Ezek. 13. 14.

^m Hos. 2. 5, 12.

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CHAPTER II.

1 *Against oppression.* 4 *A lamentation.* 7 *A reproof of injustice and idolatry.* 12 *A promise of restoring Jacob.*

WOE to them ^athat devise iniquity, and ^bwork evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because ^cit is in the power of their hand.

2 And they covet ^dfields, and take *them* by violence; and houses, and take *them* away: so they ^eoppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, against ^fthis family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: ^gfor this time *is* evil.

4 ¶ In that day shall *one* ^htake up a parable against you, and ⁱlament ^jwith a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled: ^khe hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed *it* from me! ^lturning away he hath divided our fields.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall ^mcast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

6 ⁿProphesy ye not, *say they to them* that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, *that* they shall not take shame.

7 ¶ O *thou that art* named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD ^ostraitened? *are* these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh ^puprightly?

8 Even ^qof late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe ^rwith the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war.

9 The ^swomen of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this *is* not *your* ^trest: because it is ^upolluted, it shall destroy *you*, even with a sore destruction.

^a Hos. 7. 6.^b Ps. 38. 4.^c Gen. 31. 29.^d Isai. 5. 8.^e Or, defraud.^f Jer. 8. 8.^g Amos 5. 13.
Eph. 5. 16.^h Hab. 2. 6.ⁱ 2 Sam. 1. 17.^j Heb. with a lamentation of lamentations.^k ch. 1. 15.^l Or, instead of restoring.^m Deut. 32. 8, 9.ⁿ Or, Prophecy not as they prophesy.^o Heb. Drop, &c.
Ezek. 21. 2.^p Isai. 30. 10.
Amos 2. 12.
& 7. 16.^q Or, shortened?^r Heb. upright?^s Heb. yesterday.^t Heb. over against a garment.^u Or, wives.^v Deut. 12. 9.^w Lev. 18. 25,
28. Jer. 3. 2.

11 If a man ^xwalking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, *saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

12 ¶ I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together ^yas the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: ^zthey shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude* of men.

13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and ^{aa}their king shall pass before them, ^{ab}and the LORD on the head of them.

CHAPTER III.

1 *The cruelty of the princes.* 5 *The falsehood of the prophets.* 8 *The security of them both.*

AND I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; ^{ac}*Is it* not for you to know judgment?

2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3 Who also ^{ad}eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and ^{ae}as flesh within the caldron.

4 Then ^{af}shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD ^{ag}concerning the prophets that make my people err, that ^{ah}bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and ^{ai}he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

6 ^{aj}Therefore night *shall be* unto you, ^{ak}that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark ^{al}unto you, ^{am}that ye shall not divine; ^{an}and

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cir. 730.^{ao} Or, walk with the wind, and lie falsely.^{ap} Ezek. 13. 8.^{aq} ch. 4. 6, 7.^{ar} Jer. 31. 10.^{as} Ezek. 36. 37.^{at} Hos. 3. 5.^{au} Isai. 52. 12.

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^{av} Jer. 5. 4, 5.^{aw} Ps. 14. 4.^{ax} Ezek. 11. 3, 7.^{ay} Ps. 18. 41.
Prov. 1. 28.
Isai. 1. 15.
Ezek. 8. 18.
Zech. 7. 13.^{az} Isai. 56. 10, 11.
Ezek. 13. 10.
& 22. 25.^{ba} ch. 2. 11.
Matt. 7. 15.^{bb} Ezek. 13. 18, 19.^{bc} Isai. 8. 20, 22.
Ezek. 13. 23.
Zech. 13. 4.^{bd} Heb. from a vision.^{be} Heb. from divining.^{bf} Amos 8. 9.

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710.^a Heb. *upper lip*.
^x Ps. 74. 9.
Amos 8. 11.¹ Isai. 58. 1.^m Jer. 22. 13.
ⁿ Ezek. 22. 27.
Hab. 2. 12.
Zeph. 3. 3.
^s Heb. *bloody*.
^o Isai. 1. 23.
Ezek. 22. 12.
Hos. 4. 18.
ch. 7. 3.
^p Jer. 6. 13.
^q Isai. 48. 2.
Jer. 7. 4.
Rom. 2. 17.
^r Heb. *saying*.^r Jer. 26. 18.
ch. 1. 6.
^s Ps. 79. 1.
^t ch. 4. 2.^a Isai. 2. 2, &c.
Ezek. 17. 22,
23.

the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their ^alips; ^kfor there is no answer of God.

8 ¶ But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, ¹to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

10 ^mThey build up Zion with ⁿblood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11 ^oThe heads thereof judge for reward, and ^pthe priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: ^qyet will they lean upon the LORD, ^rand say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be ^rplowed as a field, ^sand Jerusalem shall become heaps, and ^tthe mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

CHAPTER IV.

1 The glory, 3 peace, 8 kingdom, 11 and victory of the church.

BUT ^ain the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall

beat their swords into ^bplowshares, and their spears into ^cpruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, ^dneither shall they learn war any more.

4 ^dBut they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

5 For ^eall people will walk every one in the name of his god, and ^fwe will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

6 In that day, saith the LORD, ^gwill I assemble her that halteth, ^hand I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

7 And I will make her that halted ⁱa remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD ^kshall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

8 ¶ And thou, O tower of ^lthe flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? ¹is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for ^mpangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 ¶ ⁿNow also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye ^olook upon Zion.

12 But they know not ^pthe thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them ^qas the sheaves into the floor.

13 ^rArise and thresh, O daugh-

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710.^b Isai. 2. 4.
Joel 3. 10.
^c Or, *scythes*.
^d Ps. 72. 7.
^e 1 Kin. 4. 25.
Zech. 3. 10.^f Jer. 2. 11.
^g Zech. 10. 12.^h Ezek. 34. 16.
Zeph. 3. 19.
ⁱ Ps. 147. 2.
Ezek. 34. 13.
& 37. 21.^j ch. 2. 12. &
5. 3, 7, 8. &
7. 18.
^k Isai. 9. 6. &
24. 23.
Dan. 7. 14, 27.
Luke 1. 33.
Rev. 11. 15.^l Or, *Edar*:
Gen. 35. 21.^m Jer. 8. 19.ⁿ Isai. 13. 8.
& 21. 3.
Jer. 30. 6. &
50. 43.^o Lam. 2. 16.^p Obad. 12.
ch. 7. 10.^q Isai. 55. 8.
Rom. 11. 33.^r Isai. 21. 10.
Isai. 41. 15,
16.
Jer. 51. 33.

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* Dan. 2. 44.
* Isai. 18. 7.
& 23. 18. &
60. 8. 9.
* Zech. 4. 14.
& 8. 5.

* Lam. 3. 30.
* Matt. 5. 39.
& 27. 30.
* Matt. 2. 6.
John 7. 42.
* 1 Sam. 23. 23.
* Ex. 18. 25.

* Gen. 49. 10.
Isai. 9. 6.
* Ps. 90. 2.
Prov. 8. 22, 23.
John 1. 1.
* Heb. the days
of eternity.
* ch. 4. 10.

* ch. 4. 7.

* Or, rule.
* Isai. 40. 11.
& 49. 10.
Ezek. 34. 23.
ch. 7. 14.

* Ps. 72. 8.
Isai. 52. 13.
Zech. 9. 10.
Luke 1. 32.
* Ps. 72. 7.
Isai. 9. 6.
Zech. 9. 10.
Luke 2. 14.
Eph. 2. 14.

* Heb. princes
of men.

* Heb. eat up.

* Gen. 10. 8,
10, 11.
* Or, with her
own naked
swords.
* Luke 1. 71.

* ver. 3.

* Deut. 32. 2.
Ps. 72. 6. &
110. 3.

ter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt ¹beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto ²the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAPTER V.

¹ The birth of Christ. ⁴ His kingdom. ⁸ His conquest.

NOW gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall ¹smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

² But thou, ³Beth-lehem Ephra-
tah, *though* thou be little ⁴among the ⁵thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ⁶ruler in Israel; ⁷whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from ⁸everlasting.

⁸ Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* ⁹she which travaileth hath brought forth: then ¹⁰the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

⁴ ¶ And he shall stand and ³¹feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now ¹shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

⁵ And this *man* ¹shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight ⁴principal men.

⁶ And they shall ⁵waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of ¹¹Nimrod ⁶in the entrances thereof: thus shall he ¹²deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

⁷ And ¹the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people ²as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.

⁸ ¶ And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of ²sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

⁹ Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

¹⁰ ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:

¹¹ And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds:

¹² And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more ¹soothsayers:

¹³ Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy ³standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt ⁴no more worship the work of thine hands.

¹⁴ And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy ⁴cities.

¹⁵ And I will ¹execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

CHAPTER VI.

¹ God's controversy for unkindness, ⁶ for ignorance, ¹⁰ for injustice, ¹⁶ and for idolatry.

HEAR ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou ⁵before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

² Hear ye, O mountains, ¹the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for ¹the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

³ O my people, ⁴what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

⁴ For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants;

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* Or, goats.

* Zech. 9. 10.

* Isai. 2. 6.

* Zech. 13. 2.

* Or, statues.

* Isai. 2. 8.

* Or, enemies.

* Ps. 149. 7.
ver. 8.
2 Thess. 1. 8.

* Or, with.

* Deut. 32. 1.
Ps. 50. 1, 4.

Isai. 1. 2.

* Hos. 12. 2.

* Isai. 1. 18.
& 5. 3, 4. &
43. 26.
Hos. 4. 1.

* Jer. 2. 5, 31.

* Ex. 12. 51.
& 14. 30. &
20. 2.
Deut. 4. 30.
Amos 2. 10.

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¹ Num. 22. 5.
& 23. 7. &
24. 10, 11.
Deut. 23. 4, 5.
Josh. 24. 9, 10.
Rev. 2. 14.
⁵ Num. 25. 1.
& 33. 49.
Josh. 4. 19.
& 5. 10.
⁶ Judg. 5. 11.

² Heb. sons of
a year?

¹ Ps. 50. 9. &
51. 16.
Isai. 1. 11.
² Job 29. 6.
¹ 2 Kin. 16. 3.
& 21. 6. &
23. 10.
Jer. 7. 31. &
19. 5.
Ezek. 23. 37.

³ Heb. belly.
⁴ Deut. 10. 12.
1 Sam. 15. 22.
Hos. 6. 6. &
12. 6.
⁵ Gen. 18. 19.
Isai. 1. 17.

⁶ Heb. humble
thysself to
walk.

⁷ Or, thy name
shall see that
which is.

⁸ Or, I there
yet into every
man an house
of the wicked,
&c.

⁹ Heb.
measures of
leanness,
Amos 8. 5.

¹⁰ Deut. 25. 13,
—16.
Prov. 11. 1. &
20. 10, 23.

¹¹ Or, Shall
I be pure
with, &c.

¹² Hos. 12. 7.

¹³ Jer. 9. 3, 5,
6, 8.
¹⁴ Lev. 26. 16.
Ps. 107. 17,
18.

¹⁵ Lev. 26. 26.
Hos. 4. 10.

¹⁶ Deut. 28. 38,
39, 40.
Amos 5. 11.
Zeph. 1. 13.
Hag. 1. 6.

and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know ¹ the righteousness of the LORD.

6 ¶ Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves ² of a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of ³ rivers of oil? ¹ shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my ³ body for the sin of my soul?

8 He hath ⁴ shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but ⁵ to do justly, and to love mercy, and to ⁶ walk humbly with thy God?

9 The LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and ⁷ the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

10 ¶ Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the ⁸ scant measure ⁹ that is abominable?

11 Shall I count ¹⁰ them pure with ¹¹ the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and ¹² their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 Therefore also will I ¹³ make thee sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of thy sins.

14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down shall be in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver; and ¹⁴ that which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.

15 Thou shalt ¹⁵ sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

16 ¶ For ¹⁶ the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee ¹⁷ a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing: therefore ye shall bear the ¹⁸ reproach of my people.

CHAPTER VII.

¹ The church, complaining of her small number, 3 and the general corruption, 5 putteth her confidence not in man, but in God. 8 She triumpheth over her enemies. 14 God comforteth her by promises, 16 by confusion of the enemies, 18 and by his mercies.

WOE is me! for I am as ¹ when they have gathered the summer fruits, as ² the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: ³ my soul desired the first-ripe fruit.

2 The ⁴ good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; ⁵ they hunt every man his brother with a net.

3 ¶ That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, ⁶ the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth ⁷ his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.

4 The best of them ⁸ is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

5 ¶ Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

6 For ⁹ the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 Therefore ¹⁰ I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

8 ¶ Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: ¹¹ when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, ¹² the LORD shall be a light unto me.

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¹ Or, he doth much keep the &c.
² 1 Kin. 16. 25, 26.
³ Hos. 5. 11.
⁴ 1 Kin. 16. 30, &c. & 21. 25, 26.
⁵ 2 Kin. 21. 3.
⁶ 1 Kin. 9. 8.
Jer. 19. 8.
⁷ Or, astonishment.
⁸ Isai. 25. 8.
Jer. 51. 51.
Lam. 5. 1.

⁹ Heb. the gatherings of summer.
¹⁰ Isai. 17. 6. & 24. 13.

¹¹ Isai. 28. 4.
Hos. 9. 10.

¹² Ps. 12. 1. & 14. 1, 3.
Isai. 57. 1.

¹³ Or, godly, or, merciful.
¹⁴ Hab. 1. 15.

¹⁵ Hos. 4. 18.
¹⁶ Isai. 1. 23. ch. 3. 11.

¹⁷ Heb. the mischief of his soul.
¹⁸ 2 Sam. 23. 6, 7. Ezek. 2. 6. See Isai. 55. 13.

¹⁹ Jer. 9. 4.

²⁰ Ezek. 22. 7.
Matt. 10. 21, 35, 36.
Luke 12. 53. & 21. 16.
2 Tim. 3. 2, 3.

²¹ Isai. 8. 17.

²² Prov. 24. 17.
Lam. 4. 21.
²³ Ps. 37. 24.
Prov. 24. 16.
²⁴ Ps. 27. 1.

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710.^o Lam. 3. 39.^p Ps. 37. 6.^s Or, *And thou wilt see her that is mine enemy, and cover her with shame.*^q Ps. 35. 26.^r Ps. 42. 3, 10. & 79. 10. & 115. 2.^s Joel 2. 17.^t ch. 4. 11.^u Heb. *she shall be for a treading down.*^v 2 Sam. 22. 43.^w Zech. 10. 5.^x Amos 9. 11, &c.^y Isai. 11. 16.^z & 19. 23, &c. & 27. 13.^{aa} Hos. 11. 11.^{ab} Or, *even to.*^{ac} Or, *After that it hath been.*^{ad} Jer. 21. 14.^{ae} ch. 3. 12.^{af} Or, *Rule,*^{ag} Ps. 28. 9.^{ah} ch. 5. 4.^{ai} Isai. 37. 24.

9 ^o I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: ^p he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

10 ^q Then *she that is* mine enemy shall see it, and ^r shame shall cover her which said unto me, ^s Where is the LORD thy God? ^t mine eyes shall behold her: now ^u shall she be trodden down ^v as the mire of the streets.

11 *In* the day that thy ^w walls are to be built, *in* that day shall the decree be far removed.

12 *In* that day *also* ^x he shall come even to thee from Assyria, ^y and ^z from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and ^{aa} from mountain to mountain.

13 ^{ab} Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, ^{ac} for the fruit of their doings.

14 ¶ ^{ad} Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily *in* ^{ae} the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them

feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

15 ^{af} According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous *things*.

16 ¶ The nations ^{ag} shall see and be confounded at all their might: ^{ah} they shall lay *their* hand upon *their* mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

17 They shall lick the ^{ai} dust like a serpent, ^{aj} they shall move out of their holes like ^{ak} worms of the earth: ^{al} they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.

18 ^{am} Who *is* a God like unto thee, that ^{an} pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of ^{ao} the remnant of his heritage? ^{ap} he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy.

19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20 ^{aq} Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, ^{ar} which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

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710.^o Ps. 68. 22. & 78. 12.^p Isai. 26. 11.^q Job 21. 5. & 29. 9.^r Ps. 72. 9. Isai. 49. 23.^s Ps. 18. 45.^t Or, *creeping things.*^u Jer. 33. 9.^v Ex. 15. 11.^w Ex. 34. 6, 7. Jer. 50. 20.^x ch. 4. 7. & 5. 3, 7, 8.^y Ps. 103. 9. Isai. 57. 16.^z Jer. 3. 5.^{aa} Luke 1. 72, 73.^{ab} Ps. 105. 9, 10.

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* Zeph. 2. 13.

* Or, *The LORD is a jealous God, and a revenger, &c.*

* Ex. 20. 5. & 34. 14.

* Deut. 4. 24. Josh. 24. 19.

* Deut. 32. 35. Ps. 94. 1.

* Isai. 59. 18.

* Heb. *that hath fury.*

* Ex. 34. 6, 7. Neh. 9. 17.

* Ps. 103. 8.

* Jonah 4. 2.

* Job 9. 4.

* Ps. 18. 7, &c. & 97. 2.

* Hab. 3. 5, 11, 12.

* Ps. 106. 9.

* Isai. 50. 2.

* Matt. 8. 26.

* Isai. 33. 9.

* Ps. 68. 8.

* Judg. 5. 5.

* Ps. 97. 5.

* Mic. 1. 4.

* 2 Pet. 3. 10.

* Mal. 3. 2.

* Heb.

* stand up.

* Rev. 16. 1.

* 1 Chron. 16.

* Ps. 100. 5.

* Jer. 33. 11.

* Lam. 3. 25.

* Or, *strength.*

* Ps. 1. 6.

* 2 Tim. 2. 19.

* Dan. 9. 26. &

11. 16, 22, 40.

* Ps. 2. 1.

* 1 Sam. 3. 12.

CHAPTER I.

The majesty of God in goodness to his people, and severity against his enemies.

THE burden * of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 * God is ^bjealous, and * the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and ³is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies.

3 The LORD is ^dslow to anger, and * great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*: ^ethe LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

4 * He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: ^fBashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.

5 ^gThe mountains quake at him, and ^hthe hills melt, and ⁱthe earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and ^mwho can ⁿabide in the fierceness of his anger? ^ohis fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

7 * The LORD is good, a ⁵strong hold in the day of trouble; and ^phe knoweth them that trust in him.

8 ^qBut with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

9 * What do ye imagine against the LORD? * he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

10 For while *they be* folden together ^tas thorns, ^uand while they are drunken *as* drunkards, ^xthey shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

11 There is *one* come out of thee, ^vthat imagineth evil against the LORD, ²a wicked counsellor.

12 Thus saith the LORD; ³Though *they be* quiet, and likewise many, yet thus ²shall they be ⁴cut down, when he shall ^apass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.

13 For now will I ^bbreak his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

14 And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, *that* no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: ^oI will make thy grave; for thou art vile.

15 Behold ^dupon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, ⁵keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for ⁶the wicked shall no more pass through thee; ^ehe is utterly cut off.

CHAPTER II.

The fearful and victorious armies of God against Nineveh.

HE ⁷that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: ^bkeep the munition, watch the way, make *thy* loins strong, fortify *thy* power mightily.

2 * For the LORD hath turned away ⁸the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for ^dthe emptiers

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* 2 Sam. 23. 6, 7.

* ch. 3. 11.

* Mal. 4. 1.

* 2 Kin. 19. 22, 23.

* Heb. *a counsellor of Belial.*

* Or, *If they would have been at peace, so should they have been many, and so should they have been shorn, and he should have passed away.*

* 2 Kin. 19. 35, 37.

* Heb. *shorn.*

* Isai. 8. 8.

* Dan. 11. 10.

* Jer. 2. 20.

& 30. 8.

* 2 Kin. 19. 37.

* Isai. 52. 7. Rom. 10. 15.

* Heb. *feast.*

* Heb. *Belial.*

* ver. 11, 12.

* ver. 14.

* Or, *The disperser, or, hammer.*

* Jer. 50. 23.

* Jer. 51. 11, 12. ch. 3. 14.

* Isai. 10. 12.

* Jer. 25. 29.

* Or, *the pride of Jacob as the pride of Israel.*

* Ps. 80. 12.

* Hos. 10. 1.

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^a Isai. 63. 2, 3.
^b Or, *died*
scarlet.
^c Or, *fiery*
torches.

^d Heb. *their*
show.

^e Or, *gallants.*

^f Heb.
covering, or,
coverer.

^g Or, *molten.*

^h Or, *that*
which was
established,
or, there was
a stand made.

ⁱ Or,
discovered.

^j Isai. 38. 14.
& 59. 11.

^k Or, *from the*
days that she
hath been.

^l Or, *cause*
them to turn.

^m Or, *and their*
infinite store,
&c.

ⁿ Heb. *vessels*
of desire.

^o Isai. 13. 7, 8.

^p Dan. 5. 6.

^q Jer. 30. 6.

^r Joel 2. 6.

^s Job 4. 10, 11.
Ezek. 19.
2,—7.

^t Ezek. 29. 3, &
38. 3. & 39. 1.
ch. 3. 5.

have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches.

3 The shield of his mighty men is made ^ared, the valiant men ^aare ^ain scarlet: the chariots *shall be* with ^aflaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.

4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: ^athey shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

5 He shall recount his ^aworthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the ^adefence shall be prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be ^adissolved.

7 And ^aHuzzab shall be ^aled away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead *her* as with the voice of ^adoves, tabering upon their breasts.

8 But Nineveh *is* ^aof old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, *shall they cry*; but none shall ^alook back.

9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: ^afor *there is* none end of the store *and* glory out of all the ^apleasant furniture.

10 She is empty, and void, and waste: and the ^aheart melteth, and ^athe knees smite together, ^aand much pain *is* in all loins, and ^athe faces of them all gather blackness.

11 Where *is* the dwelling of ^athe lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions, where the lion, *even* the old lion, walked, *and* the lion's whelp, and none made *them* afraid?

12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin.

13 ^aBehold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy

young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of ^athy messengers shall no more be heard.

CHAPTER III.

The miserable ruin of Nineveh.

WOE to the ^abloody city! it *is* all full of lies *and* robbery; the prey departeth not;

2 The noise of a whip, and ^athe noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

3 The horseman lifteth up both ^athe bright sword and the glittering spear: and *there is* a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and *there is* none end of *their* corpses; they stumble upon their corpses:

4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, ^athe mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

5 ^aBehold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and ^aI will discover thy skirts upon thy face, ^aand I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and ^amake thee vile, and will set thee as ^aa gazingstock.

7 And it shall come to pass, *that* all they that look upon thee ^ashall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: ^awho will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

8 ^aArt thou better than ^apopulous ^mNo, that was situate among the rivers, *that had* the waters round about it, whose rampart *was* the sea, *and* her wall *was* from the sea?

9 Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength, and *it was* infinite; Put and Lubim *were* ^athy helpers.

10 Yet *was* she carried away, she went into captivity: ^aher young children also were dashed in pieces

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^a 2 Kin. 18. 17,
19. & 19. 9, 33.

^b Heb. *city of*
bloods.

^c Ezek. 22. 2, 3.
& 24. 6, 9.
Hab. 2. 12.

^d Jer. 47. 3.

^e Heb. *the*
flame of the
sword, and
the lightning
of the spear.

^f Isai. 47. 9, 12.
Rev. 18. 2, 3.

^g ch. 2. 13.

^h Isai. 47. 2, 3.
Jer. 13. 22, 26.
Ezek. 16. 37.
Mic. 1. 11.
ⁱ Hab. 2. 16.

^j Mal. 2. 9.

^k Hebr. 10. 33.

^l Rev. 18. 10.

^m Jer. 15. 5.

ⁿ Amos 6. 2.

^o Or,
nourishing.

^p Heb. *No*
Amon.

^q Jer. 46. 25,
26. Ezek.
30. 14,—16.

^r Heb. *in thy*
help.

^s Ps. 137. 9.
Isai. 13. 16.
Hos. 13. 16.

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° Lam. 2. 19.
° Joel 3. 3.
Obad. 11.
° Jer. 25. 17,
27. ch. 1. 10.

° Rev. 6. 13.

° Jer. 50. 37.
& 51. 30.

° Ps. 147. 13.
Jer. 51. 30.

° ch. 2. 1.

° Joel 1. 4.

° at the top of all the streets : and they ^p cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

11 Thou also shalt be ^a drunken : thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.

12 All thy strong holds *shall be like* ^r fig trees with the firstripe figs : if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, ^r thy people in the midst of thee *are* women : the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies : the fire shall devour thy ^r bars.

14 Draw thee waters for the siege, ^u fortify thy strong holds : go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brickkiln.

15 There shall the fire devour thee ; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like ^x the cankerworm : make thyself many as the

cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts.

16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven : the cankerworm ² spoileth, and fleeth away.

17 ^y Thy crowned *are* as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *are*.

18 ^z Thy shepherds slumber, O ^a king of Assyria : thy ³ nobles shall dwell *in the dust* : thy people is ^b scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth *them*.

19 *There is* no ⁴ healing of thy bruise ; ^c thy wound is grievous : ^d all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee : for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually ?

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² Or, *spreadeth himself*.

^y Rev. 9. 7.

^a Ex. 15. 16.
Ps. 76. 6.

^a Jer. 50. 18.
Ezek. 31. 3,
&c.

³ Or, *valiant ones*.

^b 1 Kin. 22. 17.

^c Heb.
wrinkling.

^d Mic. 1. 9.

^d Lam. 2. 15.
Zeph. 2. 15.
See Isai. 14.
8, &c.

HABAKKUK.

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CHAPTER I.

¹ Unto Habakkuk, complaining of the iniquity of the land, ⁵ is shewed the fearful vengeance by the Chaldeans. ¹² He complaineth that vengeance should be executed by them who are far worse.

THE burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!

⁸ Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are *that* raise up strife and contention.

⁴ Therefore the law is slackened, and judgment doth never go forth: for the ^b wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore ² wrong judgment proceedeth.

⁵ ¶ ^c Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for *I* will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not believe, though it be told you.

⁶ For, lo, ^d I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the ⁴ breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces *that* are not their's.

⁷ They are terrible and dreadful: ^e their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

⁸ Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more ^f fierce than the ^e evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; ^g they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

⁹ They shall come all for violence: ²³ their faces shall sup up *as* the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.

¹⁰ And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

¹¹ Then shall *his* mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, ^h imputing this his power unto his god.

¹² ¶ ⁱ Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, ⁱ thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O ⁴ mighty God, thou hast ⁵ established them for correction.

¹³ ^k Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on ⁶ iniquity: ¹ wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that is* more righteous than he?

¹⁴ And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the ⁷ creeping things, *that* have no ruler over them?

¹⁵ They ^m take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their ⁸ drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.

¹⁶ Therefore ⁿ they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat ⁹ plentiful.

¹⁷ Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

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^a Or, the supping up of their faces, &c. or, their faces shall look toward the east.

^b Heb. the opposition of their faces toward the east.

^c Dan. 5. 4.

^d Ps. 90. 2. & 93. 2. Lam. 5. 19.

^e 2 Kin. 19. 25. Ps. 17. 13. Isai. 10. 5, 6, 7. Ezek. 30. 25.

^f Heb. rock, Deut. 32. 4.

^g Heb. founded.

^h Ps. 5. 5.

ⁱ Or, grievance. Jer. 12. 1.

^j Or, moving.

^k Jer. 16. 16. Amos 4. 2.

^l Or, fine net.

^m Deut. 8. 17. Isai. 10. 13. & 37. 24, 25.

ⁿ Or, dainty. Heb. fat.

^a Lam. 3. 8.

^b Job 21. 7. Ps. 94. 3, &c. Jer. 12. 1.

^c Or, recreated.

^d Isai. 29. 14. Acts 13. 41.

^e Deut. 28. 49, 50. Jer. 5. 15.

^f Fulfilled, 2 Chron. 36. 6.

^g Heb. breadths.

^h Or, from them shall proceed the judgment of these, and the captivity of these.

ⁱ Heb. sharp.

^j Jer. 5. 6. Zeph. 3. 3.

^k Jer. 4. 13.

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CHAPTER II.

¹ Unto Habakkuk, waiting for an answer, is shewed that he must wait by faith. ⁵ The judgment upon the Chaldean for unsatiableness, ⁹ for covetousness, ¹² for cruelty, ¹⁵ for drunkenness, ¹⁸ and for idolatry.

I WILL ^astand upon my watch, and set me upon the ²tower, ^band will watch to see what he will say ³unto me, and what I shall answer ⁴⁵when I am reprov'd.

² And the LORD answered me, and said, ^cWrite the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

⁸ For ^dthe vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will ^esurely come, it will not tarry.

⁴ Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the ^fjust shall live by his faith.

⁵ ¶ ^gYea also, because he transgresseth by wine, *he is* a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire ^has hell, and *is* as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

⁶ Shall not all these ⁱtake up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, ^jWoe to him that increaseth *that which is* not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!

⁷ Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

⁸ ^kBecause thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; ^lbecause of men's ^mblood, and *for* the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

⁹ ¶ Woe to him that ⁿcoveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may ^oset his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the ^ppower of evil!

¹⁰ Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned *against* thy soul.

¹¹ For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the ^qbeam out of the timber shall ^ranswer it.

¹² ¶ Woe to him that buildeth a town with ^sblood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity!

¹³ Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of hosts ^tthat the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves ^ufor very vanity?

¹⁴ For the earth shall be filled ^vwith the ^wknowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁵ ¶ Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy ^xbottle to *him*, and makest *him* drunken also, that thou mayest ^ylook on their nakedness!

¹⁶ Thou art filled ^zwith shame for glory: ^{aa}drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing *shall be* on thy glory.

¹⁷ For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, *which* made them afraid, ^{ab}because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

¹⁸ ¶ ^{ac}What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a ^{ad}teacher of lies, that ^{ae}the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make ^{af}dumb idols?

¹⁹ Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it *is* laid over with gold and silver, ^{ag}and *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it.

²⁰ But ^{ah}the LORD *is* in his holy temple: ^{ai}let all the earth keep silence before him.

CHAPTER III.

¹ Habakkuk in his prayer trembleth at God's majesty. ¹⁷ The confidence of his faith.

A PRAYER of Habakkuk the prophet ^{aj}upon Shigionoth.

² O LORD, I have heard ^{ak}thy

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^a Or, piece, or, fastening.

^b Or, witness against it.

^c Jer. 22. 13. Ezek. 24. 9.

^d Mic. 3. 10. Nah. 3. 1.

^e Heb. bloods.

^f Jer. 51. 58.

^g Or, in vain?

^h Or, by knowing the glory of the LORD.

ⁱ Isai. 11. 9.

^j Hos. 7. 5.

^k Gen. 9. 22.

^l Or, more with shame than with glory.

^m Jer. 25. 26, 27. & 51. 57.

ⁿ ver. 8.

^o Isai. 44. 9, 10. & 46. 2.

^p Jer. 10. 8, 14. Zech. 10. 2.

^q Heb. the fashioner of his fashion.

^r Ps. 115. 5. 1 Cor. 12. 2.

^s Ps. 135. 17.

^t Ps. 11. 4.

^u Heb. be silent all the earth before him.

^v Zeph. 1. 7. Zech. 2. 13.

^w Ps. 7. title.

^x Or, according to variable songs, or, tunes, called in Hebrew, Shigionoth.

^y Heb. thy report, or, thy hearing.

^a Isai. 21. 8, 11.

^b Heb. fenced place.

^c Ps. 85. 8.

^d Or, in me.

^e Or, when I am argued with.

^f Heb. upon my reproof, or, arguing.

^g Isai. 8. 1. & 30. 8.

^h Dan. 10. 14. & 11. 27, 35.

ⁱ Hebr. 10. 37.

^j John 3. 36.

^k Rom. 1. 17.

^l Gal. 3. 11.

^m Hebr. 10. 38.

ⁿ Or, How much more.

^o Prov. 27. 20. & 30. 16.

^p Mic. 2. 4.

^q Or, Ho, he.

^r Isai. 33. 1.

^s ver. 17.

^t Heb. bloods.

^u Jer. 22. 13.

^v Or, gaineth an evil gain.

^w Jer. 49. 16. Obad. 4.

^x Heb. palm of the hand.

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^a Or, *preserve alive.*

^b Ps. 85. 6.

^c Or, *the south.*

^d Deut. 33. 2.
Judg. 5. 4.
Ps. 68. 7.

^e Or, *bright beams out of his side.*

^f Nah. 1. 3.

^g Or, *burning diseases,*
Deut. 32. 24.

^h Ps. 18. 8.

ⁱ Nah. 1. 5.

^j Gen. 49. 26.

^k Or, *Ethiopia.*

^l Or, *under affliction, or, vanity.*

^m Deut. 33. 26,
27. Ps. 68. 4.
& 104. 3.
ver. 15.

ⁿ Or, *thy chariots were salvation?*

^o Or, *Thou didst cleave the rivers of the earth.*

^p Ps. 78. 15, 16.
& 105. 41.

^q Ex. 19. 16, 18.
Judg. 5. 4, 5.
Ps. 68. 8. &
77. 18. &
114. 4.

^r Ex. 14. 22.
Josh. 3. 16.

^s Josh. 10. 12,
13.

^t Or, *thine arrows walked in the light, &c.*

speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD, ^arevive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

^b God came from ^cTeman, ^dand the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

^e And *his* brightness was as the light; he had ^fhorns *coming* out of his hand: and there *was* the hiding of his power.

^g Before him went the pestilence, and ^hburning coals went forth at his feet.

ⁱ He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; ^jand the ^keverlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways *are* everlasting.

^l I saw the tents of ^mCushan ⁿin affliction: *and* the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

^o Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? *was* thine anger against the rivers? *was* thy wrath against the sea, ^pthat thou didst ride upon thine horses *and* ^qthy chariots of salvation?

^r Thy bow was made quite naked, *according* to the oaths of the tribes, *even* ^sthy word. Selah. ^tThou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

^u The mountains saw thee, *and* they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, *and* ^vlifted up his hands on high.

^w The sun *and* moon stood still in their habitation: ^xat the light of

thine ^yarrows they went, *and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.

^z Thou didst march through the land in indignation, ^{aa}thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

^{ab} Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, *even* for salvation with thine anointed; ^{ac}thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, ^{ad}by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

^{ae} Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they ^{af}came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing *was* as to devour the poor secretly.

^{ag} Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, *through* the ^{ah}heap of great waters.

^{ai} When I heard, ^{aj}my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will ^{ak}invade them with his troops.

^{al} ¶ Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall ^{am}fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:

^{an} Yet I will ^{ao}rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

^{ap} The LORD God *is* ^{aq}my strength, and he will make my feet like ^{ar}hinds' feet, and he will make me to ^{as}walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my ^{at}stringed instruments.

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^a Josh. 10. 11.
Ps. 18. 14. &
77. 17, 18.

^b Jer. 51. 33.
Amos 1. 3.
Mic. 4. 13.

^c Josh. 10. 24.
& 11. 8, 12.
Ps. 68. 21.

^d Heb. *making naked.*

^e Heb. *were tempestuous.*

^f Ps. 77. 19.
ver. 8.

^g Or, *mud.*

^h Ps. 119. 120.
Jer. 23. 9.

ⁱ Or, *cut them in pieces.*

^j Heb. *lie.*

^k Job 13. 15.
^l Isai. 41. 16.
& 61. 10.

^m Ps. 27. 1.

ⁿ 2 Sam. 22. 34.
Ps. 18. 33.

^o Deut. 32. 13.
& 33. 29.

^p Heb.
Neginoth,
Ps. 4, title.

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CHAPTER I.

*God's severe judgment against Judah for
divers sins.*

THE word of the LORD which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

2 ²I will utterly consume all *things* from off ³the land, saith the LORD.

3 ⁴I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and ⁵the ⁶stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and ⁷I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, *and* the name of ⁸the Chemarims with the priests;

5 And them ⁹that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; ¹⁰and them that worship *and* ¹¹that swear ¹²by the LORD, and that swear ¹³by Malcham;

6 And ¹⁴them that are turned back from the LORD; and *those* that ¹⁵have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him.

7 ¹⁶Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: ¹⁷for the day of the LORD *is* at hand: for ¹⁸the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath ¹⁹bid his guests.

8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I will ²⁰punish ²¹the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the

threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, *that there shall be* the noise of a cry from ²²the fish gate, and an howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills.

11 ²³Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.

12 And it shall come to pass at that time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are ²⁴settled on their lees: ²⁵that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but ²⁶not inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, but ²⁷not drink the wine thereof.

14 ²⁸The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 ²⁹That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 A day of ³⁰the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall ³¹walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and ³²their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh ³³as the dung.

18 ³⁴Neither their silver nor their

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²² 2 Chron. 33. 14.

²³ Jam. 5. 1.

²⁴ Heb. *curded, or, thickened.*
²⁵ Jer. 48. 11.
Amos 6. 1.
²⁶ Ps. 94. 7.

²⁷ Deut. 28. 30, 39.
Amos 5. 11.
²⁸ Mic. 6. 15.

²⁹ Joel 2. 1, 11.

³⁰ Isai. 29. 5.
Jer. 30. 7.
Joel 2. 2, 11.
Amos 5. 18. ver. 18.

³¹ Jer. 4. 19.

³² Deut. 28. 29.
Isai. 59. 10.

³³ Ps. 79. 3.
³⁴ Ps. 83. 10.
Jer. 9. 22.
& 16. 4.

³⁵ Prov. 11. 4.
Ezek. 7. 19.

² Heb. *By taking away I will make an end.*

³ Heb. *the face of the land.*
⁴ Hos. 4. 3.

⁵ Ezek. 7. 19.
& 14. 3, 4, 7.
Matt. 13. 41.
⁶ Or, *idols.*

⁷ Fulfilled, cir. 624.
⁸ 2 Kin. 23. 4, 5.
⁹ Hos. 10. 5.

¹⁰ 2 Kin. 23. 12.
Jer. 19. 13.

¹¹ 1 Kin. 18. 21.
2 Kin. 17. 33, 41.

¹² Isai. 48. 1.
Hos. 4. 15.

¹³ Or, *to the LORD.*

¹⁴ Josh. 23. 7.
1 Kin. 11. 33.

¹⁵ Isai. 1. 4.
Jer. 2. 13, 17.
& 15. 6.

¹⁶ Hos. 7. 7.

¹⁷ Hab. 2. 20.
Zech. 2. 13.

¹⁸ Isai. 13. 6.

¹⁹ Isai. 34. 6.

Jer. 46. 10.

Ezek. 39. 17.

Rev. 19. 17.

²⁰ Heb.

sanctified,

or, prepared.

²¹ Heb. *visit upon.*

²² Jer. 39. 6.

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* ch. 3. 8.

* ver. 2, 3.

* Joel 2. 16.

* Or, not
desirous.

* Job 21. 18.

Ps. 1. 4.
Isai. 17. 13.
Hos. 13. 3.

* 2 Kin. 23. 26.

* Ps. 105. 4.

Amos 5. 6.

* Ps. 76. 8.

* Joel 2. 14.

Amos 5. 15.
Jonah 3. 9.

* Jer. 47. 4, 5.

Ezek. 25. 15.
Amos 1. 6, 7, 8.
Zech. 9. 5, 6.* Jer. 6. 4. &
15. 8.

* Ezek. 25. 16.

* Josh. 13. 3.

* See Isai. 17. 2.
ver. 14.* Isai. 11. 11.
Mic. 4. 7. &
5. 7, 8.
Hag. 1. 12.
& 2. 2.
ver. 9.

* Or, when, &c.

* Ex. 4. 31.

Luke 1. 68.

* Ps. 126. 1.

Jer. 39. 14.

ch. 3. 20.

* Jer. 48. 27.

Ezek. 25. 8.

* Ezek. 25. 3, 6.

* Jer. 49. 1.

gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be ^adevoured by the fire of his jealousy: for ^bhe shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

CHAPTER II.

1 *An exhortation to repentance.* 4 *The judgment of the Philistines, 8 of Moab and Ammon, 12 of Ethiopia and Assyria.*

* **G**ATHER yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation ^anot desired;

2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass ^bas the chaff, before ^cthe fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you.

3 ^dSeek ye the LORD, ^eall ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: ^fit may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.

4 ¶ For ^gGaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod ^hat the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5 Woe unto the inhabitants of ⁱthe sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD ^jis against you; O ^kCanaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.

6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings ^land cottages for shepherds, ^mand folds for flocks.

7 And the coast shall be for ⁿthe remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: ^ofor the LORD their God shall ^pvisit them, and ^qturn away their captivity.

8 ¶ ^rI have heard the reproach of Moab, and ^sthe revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and ^tmagnified *themselves* against their border.

9 Therefore *as* I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely ^uMoab shall be as Sodom, and ^vthe children of Ammon as Gomorrah, ^weven the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: ^xthe residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.

10 This shall they have ^yfor their pride, because they have reproached and magnified *themselves* against the people of the LORD of hosts.

11 The LORD *will be* terrible unto them: for he will ^zfamish all the gods of the earth; ^{aa}and *men* shall worship him, every one from his place, *even* all ^{ab}the isles of the heathen.

12 ¶ ^{ac}Ye Ethiopians also, ye *shall be* slain by ^{ad}my sword.

13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and ^{ae}destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, *and* dry like a wilderness.

14 And ^{af}flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all ^{ag}the beasts of the nations: both the ^{ah}cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the ^{ai}upper lintels of it; *their* voice shall sing in the windows; desolation *shall be* in the thresholds: ^{aj}for he shall uncover the ^{ak}cedar work.

15 This *is* the rejoicing city ^{al}that dwelt carelessly, ^{am}that said in her heart, I *am*, and *there is* none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her ^{an}shall hiss, *and* ^{ao}wag his hand.

CHAPTER III.

1 *A sharp reproof of Jerusalem for divers sins.*

8 *An exhortation to wait for the restoration of Israel, 14 and to rejoice for their salvation by God.*

WOE to ^{ap}her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

2 She ^{aq}obeyed not the voice; she ^{ar}received not ^{as}correction; she

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* Isai. 15.

Jer. 48.

Ezek. 25. 9.

Amos 2. 1.

* Amos 1. 13.

* Gen. 19. 25.

Deut. 29. 23.

Isai. 13. 19.

& 34. 13.

Jer. 49. 18.

& 50. 40.

* ver. 7.

* Isai. 16. 6.

Jer. 48. 29.

* Heb. *make lean.*

* Mal. 1. 11.

John 4. 21.

* Gen. 10. 5.

* Isai. 18. 1.

& 20. 4.

Jer. 46. 9.

Ezek. 30. 9.

* Ps. 17. 13.

* Isai. 10. 12.

Ezek. 31. 3.

Nah. 1. 1.

& 2. 10. &

3. 15, 18.

* ver. 6.

* Isai. 13. 21,

22.

* Or, *pelican.*

* Isai. 34. 11,

14.

* Or, *knops, or,**chapters.** Or, *when**he hath un-**covered.*

* Jer. 22. 14.

* Isai. 47. 8.

* Rev. 18. 7.

* Job 27. 23.

Lam. 2. 15.

Ezek. 27. 36.

* Nah. 3. 19.

* Or,

*gluttonous.** Heb. *craw.*

* Jer. 22. 21.

* Jer. 5. 3.

* Or,

instruction.

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cir. 630.^c Ezek. 22. 27.
Mic. 3. 9, 10,
11.^d Hab. 1. 8.^e Jer. 23. 11, 32.
Lam. 2. 14.
Hos. 9. 7.^f Ezek. 22. 26.^g Deut. 32. 4.^h ver. 15, 17.
See Mic. 3. 11.ⁱ Heb.
morning by
morning.^j Jer. 3. 3. &
6. 15. & 8. 12.^k Or, corners.^l So Jer. 8. 6.^m Gen. 6. 12.ⁿ Ps. 27. 14.
& 37. 34.
Prov. 20. 22.^o Joel 3. 2.^p ch. 1. 18.^q Isai. 19. 18.
^r Heb. lip.^s Heb.
shoulder.^t Ps. 68. 31.
Isai. 18. 1, 7.
& 60. 4, &c.
Mal. 1. 11.
Acts 8. 27.^u Jer. 7. 4.
Mic. 3. 11.
Matt. 3. 9.

trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

3 ^o Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* ^d evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her ^e prophets *are* light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done ^f violence to the law.

5 ^g The just LORD ^h *is* in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: ⁱ every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but ^j the unjust knoweth no shame.

6 I have cut off the nations: their ^k towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

7 ^l I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, *and* ^m corrupted all their doings.

8 ¶ Therefore ⁿ wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination *is* to ^o gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for all the earth ^p shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

9 For then will I turn to the people ^q a pure ^r language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one ^s consent.

10 ^t From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that ^u rejoice in

thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty ^v because of my holy mountain.

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee ^w an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

13 ^x The remnant of Israel ^y shall not do iniquity, ^z nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for ^{aa} they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

14 ¶ ^{ab} Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: ^{ac} the king of Israel, *even* the LORD, ^{ad} *is* in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

16 In that day ^{ae} it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and* to Zion, ^{af} Let not thine hands be ^{ag} slack.

17 The LORD thy God ^{ah} in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, ^{ai} he will rejoice over thee with joy; ^{aj} he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

18 I will gather *them that* ^{ak} *are* sorrowful for the solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, to *whom* ^{al} the reproach of it *was* a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that ^{am} halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and ^{an} I will get them praise and fame in every land ^{ao} where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time ^{ap} will I bring you *again*, *even* in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

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cir. 630.^{ba} Heb. *in my holy*.^{bb} Isai. 14. 32.
Zech. 11. 11.
Matt. 5. 3.^{bc} 1 Cor. 1. 27,
28. Jam. 2. 5.^{bd} Mic. 4. 7.^{be} ch. 2. 7.^{bf} Isai. 60. 21.^{bg} Isai. 63. 8.^{bh} Rev. 14. 5.^{bi} Ezek. 34. 28.^{bj} Mic. 4. 4. &
7. 14.^{bk} Isai. 12. 6.^{bl} & 54. 1.^{bm} Zech. 2. 10.^{bn} & 9. 9.^{bo} John 1. 49.^{bp} Ezek. 48. 35.
ver. 5, 17.
Rev. 7. 15. &
21. 3, 4.^{bq} Isai. 35. 3, 4.^{br} Hebr. 12. 12.^{bs} Or, faint.^{bt} ver. 15.^{bu} Deut. 30. 9.
Isai. 62. 5. &
65. 19.^{bv} Jer. 32. 41.^{bw} Heb. *he will be silent*.^{bx} Lam. 2. 6.^{by} Heb. *the burden upon it was reproach*.^{bz} Ezek. 34. 16.
Mic. 4. 6, 7.^{ca} Heb. *I will set them for a praise*.^{cb} Heb. *of their shame*.^{cc} Isai. 11. 12.
& 27. 12. &
56. 8.^{cd} Ezek. 28. 25.
& 34. 13. &
37. 21.^{ce} Amos 9. 14.

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CHAPTER I.

¹ *Haggai reproveth the people for neglecting the building of the house. 7 He inciteth them to the building. 12 He promiseth God's assistance to them being forward.*

IN ^athe second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD ²by Haggai the prophet unto ^bZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, ³governor of Judah, and to ^cJoshua the son of ^dJosedech, the high priest, saying,

² Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

³ Then came the word of the LORD ^eby Haggai the prophet, saying,

⁴ *'Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?*

⁵ Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^f*'Consider your ways.*

⁶ Ye have ^hsown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and ⁱhe that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag ⁵with holes.

⁷ ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

⁸ Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

⁹ *'Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, ¹I did ^eblow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.*

¹⁰ Therefore ^mthe heaven over you

is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

¹¹ And I ^acalled for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon *that* which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and ^oupon all the labour of the hands.

¹² ¶ ^pThen Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.

¹³ Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, ^q*'I am with you, saith the LORD.*

¹⁴ And ^rthe LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, ³governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; ^tand they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

¹⁵ In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

CHAPTER II.

¹ *He encourageth the people to the work, by promise of greater glory to the second temple than was in the first. 10 In the type of holy things and unclean he sheweth their sins hindered the work. 20 God's promise to Zerubbabel.*

IN the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD ²by the prophet Haggai, saying,

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¹ 1 Kin. 17. 1.
² 2 Kin. 8. 1.

^o ch. 2. 17.

^p Ezra 5. 2.

^q Matt. 28. 20.
Rom. 8. 31.

^r 2 Chron. 36.
22. Ezra 1. 1.

^t ch. 2. 21.

^t Ezra 5. 2, 8.

^u Heb. by the hand of.

^a Ezra 4. 24.
& 5. 1.
Zech. 1. 1.

^b Heb. by the hand of Haggai.

^c 1 Chron. 3.
17, 19.
Ezra 3. 2.
Matt. 1. 12.
Luke 3. 27.

^d Or, captain.

^e Ezra 3. 2.
& 5. 2.

^f 1 Chron. 6. 15.

^g Ezra 5. 1.

^h 2 Sam. 7. 2.
Pa. 132. 3, &c.

ⁱ Heb. Set your heart on your ways.

^j Lam. 3. 40.
vor. 7.

^k Deut. 28. 38.
Hos. 4. 10.
Mic. 6. 14, 15.
ch. 2. 16.

^l Zech. 8. 10.

^m Heb. pierced through.

ⁿ ch. 2. 16.

^o ch. 2. 17.
^p Or, blow it away.

^q Lev. 26. 19.
Deut. 28. 23.
1 Kin. 8. 35.

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	2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,	And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.	
a Ezra 3. 12.	3 ^a Who <i>is</i> left among you that saw this house in her first glory?	14 Then answered Haggai, and said, ^a So <i>is</i> this people, and so <i>is</i> this nation before me, saith the LORD;	b Tit. 1. 15.
b Zech. 4. 10.	and how do ye see it now? ^b <i>is it</i> not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?	and so <i>is</i> every work of their hands; and that which they offer there <i>is</i> unclean.	
c Zech. 8. 9.	4 Yet now ^c be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest;	15 And now, I pray you, ^c consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:	d ch. 1. 5.
	and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I <i>am</i> with you, saith the LORD of hosts:	16 Since those <i>days</i> were, ^d when <i>one</i> came to an heap of twenty measures, there were <i>but</i> ten: when <i>one</i> came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty <i>vessels</i> out of the press, there were <i>but</i> twenty.	e ch. 1. 6, 9. Zech. 8. 10.
d Ex. 29. 45, 46.	5 ^d According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so ^e my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.	17 ^e I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail ^f in all the labours of your hands; ^g yet ye <i>turned</i> not to me, saith the LORD.	f Deut. 28. 22. 1 Kin. 8. 37. Amos 4. 9. ch. 1. 9. ch. 1. 11.
e Neh. 9. 20. Isai. 63. 11.	6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^f Yet once, it <i>is</i> a little while, and ^g I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;	18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, <i>even</i> from ^h the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it.	g Jer. 5. 3. Amos 4. 6, 8, 9, 10, 11.
f ver. 21. Hebr. 12. 26. g Joel 3. 16.	7 And I will shake all nations, ^h and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.	19 ^h Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless <i>you</i> .	h Zech. 8. 9.
h Gen. 49. 10. Mal. 3. 1.	8 The silver <i>is</i> mine, and the gold <i>is</i> mine, saith the LORD of hosts.	20 ⁱ And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth <i>day</i> of the month, saying,	i Zech. 8. 12.
i John 1. 14.	9 ⁱ The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give ^k peace, saith the LORD of hosts.	21 Speak to Zerubbabel, ^k governor of Judah, saying, ^j I will shake the heavens and the earth;	j ch. 1. 14.
k Ps. 85. 8, 9. Luke 2. 14. Eph. 2. 14.	10 ^j In the four and twentieth <i>day</i> of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,	22 And ^k I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and ^l I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.	k ver. 6, 7. Hebr. 12. 26.
	11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^l Ask now the priests <i>concerning</i> the law, saying,	23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, ^m and will make thee as a signet: for ⁿ I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.	l Dan. 2. 44. Matt. 24. 7.
l Lev. 10. 10, 11. Deut. 33. 10. Mal. 2. 7.	12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.		m Mic. 5. 10. Zech. 4. 6. & 9. 10.
	13 Then said Haggai, If <i>one that is</i> ^m unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean?		n Cant. 8. 6. Jer. 22. 24. Isai. 42. 1. & 43. 10.
m Num. 19. 11.			

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CHAPTER I.

¹ Zechariah exhorteth to repentance. ⁷ The vision of the horses. ¹² At the prayer of the angel comfortable promises are made to Jerusalem. ¹⁸ The vision of the four horns, and the four carpenters.

IN the eighth month, ^ain the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD ^bunto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

² The LORD hath been ²sore displeased with your fathers.

³ Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ^cye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁴ Be ye not as your fathers, ^dunto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^eTurn ye now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

⁵ Your fathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

⁶ But ^fmy words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not ³take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, ^gLike as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

⁷ ¶ Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which *is* the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

⁸ I saw by night, and behold ^ha man riding upon a red horse, and

he stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the bottom; and behind him *were there* ⁱred horses, ²speckled, and white.

⁹ Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these *be*.

¹⁰ And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, ^kThese *are they* whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

¹¹ ^lAnd they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

¹² ¶ Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, ^mO LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation ⁿthese threescore and ten years?

¹³ And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me *with* ^ogood words *and* comfortable words.

¹⁴ So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am ^pjealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

¹⁵ And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for ^qI was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

¹⁶ Therefore thus saith the LORD; ^rI am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and ^sa line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

¹⁷ Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the

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¹ ch. 6. 2,—7.
² Or, *day*.

^k Hebr. 1. 14.

^l Ps. 103. 20, 21.

^m Ps. 102. 13.
Rev. 6. 10.

ⁿ Jer. 25. 11, 12.
Dan. 9. 2.
ch. 7. 5.

^o Jer. 29. 10.

^p Joel 2. 18.
ch. 8. 2.

^q Isai. 47. 6.

^r Isai. 12. 1.
& 54. 8.
ch. 2. 10.
& 8. 3.

^s ch. 2. 1, 2.

^a Ezra 4. 24.
Hag. 1. 1.

^b Ezra 5. 1.
Matt. 23. 35.

^c Heb. *with displeasure*.

^d Jer. 25. 5.
& 35. 15.
Mic. 7. 19.
Mal. 3. 7.
Luke 15. 20.
Jam. 4. 8.

^e 2 Chron. 36.
15, 16.

^f Isai. 31. 6.
Jer. 3. 12. &
18. 11.
Ezek. 18. 30.
Hos. 14. 1.

^g Isai. 55. 1.

^h Or, *overtake*.

ⁱ Lam. 1. 18.
& 2. 17.

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^j Josh. 5. 13.
Rev. 6. 4.

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cir. 519.^a Heb. *good*.
^b Isai. 51. 3.
^c Isai. 14. 1.
ch. 2. 12.
& 3. 2.^d Ezra 4. 1, 4, 7.
& 5. 3.^e Ps. 75. 4, 5.

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^f Ezek. 40. 3.^g Rev. 11. 1. &
21. 15, 16.^h Jer. 31. 27.
Ezek. 36. 10,
11.ⁱ Isai. 28. 1.
ch. 9. 8.
^j Isai. 60. 19.
Rev. 21. 23.^k Isai. 48. 20.
& 52. 11.
Jer. 1. 14.
& 50. 8. &
51. 6, 45.
^l Deut. 28. 64.
Ezek. 17. 21.

LORD of hosts; My cities through ^aprosperity shall yet be spread abroad; ^band the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and ^c"shall yet choose Jerusalem.

18 ¶ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* these? And he answered me, ^d"These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

20 And the LORD shewed me four carpenters.

21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which ^e'lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

CHAPTER II.

1 *God, in the care of Jerusalem, sendeth to measure it.* 6 *The redemption of Zion.* 10 *The promise of God's presence.*

I LIFTED up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold ^a"a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, ^b"To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* the breadth thereof, and what *is* the length thereof.

3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, ^c"Jerusalem shall be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her ^d"a wall of fire round about, ^e"and will be the glory in the midst of her.

6 ¶ Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee ^f"from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have ^g"spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

7 ^h"Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that ⁱ"toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For, behold, I will ^j"shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ^k"ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

10 ¶ ^l"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I ^m"will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

11 ⁿ"And many nations shall be joined to the LORD ^o"in that day, and shall be ^p"my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and ^q"thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

12 And the LORD shall ^r"inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and ^s"shall choose Jerusalem again.

13 ^t"Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up ^u"out of ^v"his holy habitation.

CHAPTER III.

1 *Under the type of Joshua, the restoration of the church,* 8 *Christ the Branch is promised.*

AND he shewed me ^a"Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and ^b"Satan standing at his right hand ^c"to resist him.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, ^d"The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that ^e"hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: ^f"is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

3 Now Joshua was clothed with ^g"filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, ^h"and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

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519.ⁱ Rev. 18. 4.^j Deut. 32. 10.
Ps. 17. 8.
^k 2 Thess. 1. 6.^l Isai. 11. 15.
& 19. 16.^m ch. 4. 9.ⁿ Isai. 12. 6.
& 54. 1.
Zeph. 3. 14.^o Lev. 26. 12.
Ezek. 37. 27.
ch. 8. 3.John 1. 14.
2 Cor. 6. 16.^p Isai. 2. 2, 3.
& 49. 22. &
60. 3, &c.
ch. 8. 22, 23.^q ch. 3. 10.^r Ex. 12. 49.^s Ezek. 33. 33.
ver. 9.^t Deut. 32. 9.
ch. 1. 17.^u Hab. 2. 30.
Zeph. 1. 7.^v Ps. 68. 5.
Isai. 57. 15.^w Heb. *the habitation of his holiness*,
Deut. 26. 15.
Isai. 63. 15.^x Hag. 1. 1.^y Ps. 109. 6.
Rev. 12. 10.^z That is, an *adversary*.^{aa} Heb. *to be his adversary*.^{ab} Jude 9.^{ac} ch. 1. 17.
Rom. 8. 33.^{ad} Amos 4. 11.
Rom. 11. 5.
Jude 23.^{ae} Isai. 64. 6.^{af} Isai. 61. 10.
Luke 15. 22.
Rev. 19. 8.

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519.^b Ex. 29. 6.
ch. 6. 11.¹ Lev. 9. 35.
¹ Kin. 2. 3.
Ezek. 44. 16.³ Or,
ordinance.² Deut. 17. 9.
Mal. 2. 7.³ Heb. walks.¹ ch. 4. 14.
& 6. 5.^m Ps. 71. 7.
Isai. 8. 18.
& 20. 3.⁴ Heb. men of
wonder, or,
sign, as
Ezek. 12. 11.
& 24. 24.ⁿ Isai. 42. 1. &
49. 3. 5. & 52.
13. & 53. 11.
Ezek. 34. 23,
24.^o Isai. 4. 2. &
11. 1.¹ Jer. 23. 5. &
33. 15.^{ch.} 6. 12.
Luke 1. 78.^p Ps. 118. 22.
Isai. 28. 16.^q ch. 4. 10.
Rev. 5. 6.^r Jer. 31. 34.
& 50. 20.^{Mic.} 7. 18, 19.
ch. 13. 1.^s ch. 2. 11.^t 1 Kin. 4. 25.
Isai. 36. 18.
Mic. 4. 4.^a ch. 2. 3.^b Dan. 8. 18.^c Ex. 25. 31.
Rev. 1. 12.^d Heb. with
her bowl.^e Ex. 25. 37.
Rev. 4. 5.^f Or, seven
several pipes
to the lamps,
etc.^g ver. 11, 12.
Rev. 11. 4.

5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

CHAPTER IV.

¹ By the golden candlestick is foreshewed the good success of Zerubbabel's foundation. ¹¹ By the two olive trees the two anointed ones.

AND the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:

3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with

me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAPTER V.

¹ By the flying roll is shewed the curse of thieves and swearers. ⁵ By a woman pressed in an ephah, the final damnation of Babylon.

THEN I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.

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519.^h Hos. 1. 7.
ⁱ Or, army.^j Jer. 51. 25.
Matt. 21. 21.^k Ps. 118. 22.
^l Ezra 3. 11, 13.^m Ezra 3. 10.ⁿ Ezra 6. 15.^o ch. 2. 9, 11.
& 6. 15.^p Isai. 48. 16.
ch. 2. 8.^q Hag. 2. 3.^r Or, since the
seven eyes of
the LORD
shall rejoice.^s Heb. stone
of tin.^t 2 Chron. 16. 9.
Prov. 15. 3.
ch. 3. 9.^u ver. 3.^v Heb. by the
hand.^w Or, empty out
of themselves
oil into the
gold.^x Heb. the gold.^y Rev. 11. 4.^z Heb. sons of
oil.^{aa} ch. 3. 7.
Luke 1. 19.^{ab} See Josh.
3. 11, 13.
ch. 6. 5.^{ac} Ezek. 2. 9.

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2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

3 Then said he unto me, This is the ^bcurse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for ^aevery one that stealeth shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off *as* on that side according to it.

4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of ^chim that swear-eth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and ^dshall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

5 ¶ Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what *is* this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This *is* their resemblance through all the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up a ³talent of lead: and this *is* a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

8 And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?

11 And he said unto me, To ^ebuild it an house in ^fthe land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

^b Mal. 4. 6.^a Or, every one of this people that stealeth holdeth himself guiltless, as it doth.^c Lev. 19. 12. ch. 8. 17. Mal. 3. 5.^d See Lev. 14. 45.³ Or, weighty piece.^e Jer. 29. 3, 28.^f Gen. 10. 10.

CHAPTER VI.

¹ The vision of the four chariots. ⁹ By the crowns of Joshua is shewed the temple and kingdom of Christ the Branch.

AND I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot *were* ^ared horses; and in the second chariot ^bblack horses;

3 And in the third chariot ^cwhite horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and ^dbay horses.

4 Then I answered ^dand said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, ^eThese *are* the four ³spirits of the heavens, which go forth from ^fstanding before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The black horses which *are* therein go forth into ^gthe north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.

7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might ^hwalk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my ⁱspirit in the north country.

9 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

10 Take of *them* of the captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Joshua the son of Zephaniah;

11 Then take silver and gold, and make ^kcrowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts,

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519.^a ch. 1. 8. Rev. 6. 4.^b Rev. 6. 5.^c Rev. 6. 2.^d Or, strong.^e ch. 5. 10.^g Ps. 104. 4. Hebr. 1. 7, 14.^h Or, winds.ⁱ 1 Kin. 22. 19. Dan. 7. 10. ch. 4. 14. Luke 1. 19.^j Jer. 1. 14.^k Gen. 13. 17. ch. 1. 10.^l Judg. 8. 3. Eccles. 10. 4.^m Ex. 28. 36. & 29. 6. Lev. 8. 9. ch. 3. 5.

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¹ See Luke 1. 78.
John 1. 45.
^m ch. 3. 8.
² Or, branch up from under him.
ⁿ ch. 4. 9.
Matt. 16. 18.
Eph. 2. 20, 21, 22.
Hebr. 3. 3.
^o Isai. 22. 24.
^p Ps. 110. 4.
Hebr. 3. 1.

^q Ex. 12. 14.
Mark 14. 9.

^r Isai. 57. 19.
& 60. 10.
Eph. 2. 13, 19.
^s ch. 2. 9. & 4. 9.

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^t Heb. to intreat the face of the LORD;
1 Sam. 13. 12.
ch. 8. 21.
^u Deut. 17. 9, 10, 11. & 33. 10.
Mal. 2. 7.
^v Jer. 52. 12.
ch. 8. 19.

^w Isai. 58. 5.
^x Jer. 41. 1.
ch. 8. 19.
^y ch. 1. 12.
^z See Rom. 14. 6.

^{aa} Or, be not ye they that, &c.

saying, Behold ¹the man whose name is The ^mBRANCH; and he shall ^agrow up out of his place, ⁿand he shall build the temple of the LORD:

18 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he ^oshall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and ^phe shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, ^qfor a memorial in the temple of the LORD.

15 And ^rthey that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ^sye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER VII.

1 *The captives enquire of fasting.* 4 *Zechariah reproveth their fasting.* 8 *Sin the cause of their captivity.*

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, *that* the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleu;

2 When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezzer and Regem-melech, and their men, ³to pray before the LORD,

8 And to ^aspeak unto the priests which *were* in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in ^bthe fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying,

5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye ^ofasted and mourned in the fifth ^dand seventh *month*, ^eeven those seventy years, did ye at all fast ^funto me, *even* to me?

6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, ^gdid not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?

7 ^hShould ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried ⁱby the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when *men* inhabited ^jthe south and the plain?

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,

9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, ^kExecute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

10 And ^loppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; ^mand let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

11 But they refused to hearken, and ⁿpulled away the shoulder, and ^ostopped their ears, that they should not hear.

12 Yea, they made their ^phearts as an adamant stone, ^qlest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit ^rby the former prophets: ^stherefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

13 Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear; so ^tthey cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

14 But ^uI scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations ^vwhom they knew not. Thus ^wthe land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid ^xthe ^ypleasant land desolate.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 *The restoration of Jerusalem.* 9 *They are encouraged to the building by God's favour to them.* 16 *Good works are required of them.* 18 *Joy and enlargement are promised.*

AGAIN the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^aI was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

3 Thus saith the LORD; ^bI am returned unto Zion, and ^cwill dwell

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^d Or, Are not these the words.

^e Heb. by the hand of, &c.
^f Jer. 17. 26.

^g Isai. 58. 6, 7.
Jer. 7. 23.
Mic. 6. 8.
ch. 8. 16.
Matt. 23. 23.

^h Heb. Judge judgment of truth.

ⁱ Ex. 22. 21, 22.
Deut. 24. 17.
Isai. 1. 17.
Jer. 5. 28.

^j Ps. 36. 4.
Mic. 2. 1.
ch. 8. 17.

^k Neh. 9. 29.
Jer. 7. 24.
Hos. 4. 16.

^l Heb. they gave a back-sliding shoulder.

^m Heb. made heavy.

ⁿ Acts 7. 57.
Ezek. 11. 19.
& 36. 26.

^o Neh. 9. 29, 30.
^p Heb. by the hand of.

^q 2 Chron. 36.
16. Dan. 9. 11.

^r Prov. 1. 24, 28.
Isai. 1. 15.
Jer. 11. 11.

^s & 14. 12.
Mic. 3. 4.

^t Deut. 4. 27.
& 28. 64.
Ezek. 36. 19.
ch. 2. 6.

^u Deut. 28. 33.
^v Lev. 26. 22.

^w Dan. 8. 9.
^x Heb. land of desire.

^y Nah. 1. 2.
ch. 1. 14.

^z ch. 1. 16.

^{aa} ch. 2. 10.

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^a Isai. 1. 21, 26.
^b Isai. 2. 2, 3.
^c Jer. 31. 23.
^d See 1 Sam.
 2. 31. Isai.
 65. 20, 22.
 Lam. 2. 20, &c.
 & 5. 11,—14.
^e Heb. for
 multitude of
 days.

^f Or, hard,
 or, difficult.

^g Gen. 18. 14.
 Luke 1. 37.
 & 18. 27.
 Rom. 4. 21.

^h Isai. 11. 11, 12.
 & 43. 5, 6.
 Ezek. 37. 21.
 Amos 9. 14,
 15.

ⁱ Heb. the
 country of the
 going down
 of the sun :
 See Ps. 50. 1.
 & 113. 3.
 Mal. 1. 11.

^j Jer. 30. 22.
 & 31. 1, 33.
 ch. 13. 9.

^k Jer. 4. 2.

^l Hag. 2. 4.
 ver. 18.

^m Ezra 5. 1, 2.
ⁿ Hag. 2. 18.

^o Or, the
 hire of man
 became
 nothing, &c.

^p Hag. 1. 6, 9,
 10. & 2. 16.

^q 2 Chron. 15. 6.

^r Hos. 2. 21, 22.
 Joel 2. 23.
 Hag. 2. 19.

^s Heb. of peace.

^t Ps. 67. 6.
^u See Hag. 1.
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^v Jer. 42. 18.

in the midst of Jerusalem : and Jerusalem ^dshall be called a city of truth ; and ^ethe mountain of the LORD of hosts ^fthe holy mountain.

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; ^gThere shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand ^hfor very age.

5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; If it be ⁱmarvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, ^jshould it also be marvellous in mine eyes ? saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; Behold, ^kI will save my people from the east country, and from ^lthe west country ;

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem : ^mand they shall be my people, and I will be their God, ⁿin truth and in righteousness.

9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; ^oLet your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of ^pthe prophets, which ^qwere in ^rthe day ^sthat the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

10 For before these days ^tthere was no ^uhire for man, nor any hire for beast ; ^vneither ^wwas there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction : for I set all men every one against his neighbour.

11 But now I ^xwill not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 ^yFor the seed ^zshall be ^{aa}prosperous ; the vine shall give her fruit, and ^{ab}the ground shall give her increase, and ^{ac}the heavens shall give their dew ; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these ^{ad}things.

13 And it shall come to pass, ^{ae}that as ye were ^{af}a curse among the

heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel ; so will I save you, and ^{ag}ye shall be a blessing : fear not, ^{ah}but ^{ai}let your hands be strong.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts ; ^{aj}As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, ^{ak}and I repented not :

15 So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah : fear ye not.

16 ¶ These ^{al}are the things that ye shall do ; ^{am}Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour ; ^{an}execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates :

17 ^{ao}And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour ; and ^{ap}love no false oath : for all these ^{aq}are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

18 ¶ And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,

19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; ^{ar}The fast of the fourth ^{as}month, ^{at}and the fast of the fifth, ^{au}and the fast of the seventh, ^{av}and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah ^{aw}joy and gladness, and cheerful ^{ax}feasts ; ^{ay}therefore love the truth and peace.

20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; ^{az}It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities :

21 And the inhabitants of one ^{ba}city shall go to another, saying, ^{bb}Let us go ^{bc}speedily ^{bd}to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts : I will go also.

22 Yea, ^{be}many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; In those days ^{bf}it shall come to pass, that ten men shall ^{bg}take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you : for we have heard ^{bh}that God ^{bi}is with you.

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¹ Gen. 12. 2.
 Ruth 4. 11, 12.
 Isai. 19. 24,
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 Zeph. 3. 20.
 Hag. 2. 19.
² ver. 9.
³ Jer. 31. 28.
⁴ 2 Chron. 36.
 16. ch. 1. 6.

⁵ ch. 7. 9.
 ver. 19.
 Eph. 4. 25.
⁶ Heb. judge
 truth, and
 the judgment
 of peace.
⁷ Prov. 3. 29.
 ch. 7. 10.
⁸ ch. 5. 3, 4.

⁹ Jer. 52. 6, 7.
¹⁰ Jer. 52. 12, 13.
 ch. 7. 3, 5.
¹¹ 2 Kin. 25. 25.
 Jer. 41. 1, 2.
¹² Jer. 52. 4.
¹³ Esth. 8. 17.
 Isai. 35. 10.
¹⁴ Or, solemn,
 or, set times.
¹⁵ ver. 16.

¹⁶ Isai. 2. 3.
 Mic. 4. 1, 2.

¹⁷ Or,
 continually.
¹⁸ Heb. going.

¹⁹ Heb. to in-
 treat the face
 of the LORD,
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²⁰ Isai. 60. 3, &c.
 & 66. 23.

²¹ Isai. 3. 6.
 & 4. 1.

²² 1 Cor. 14. 25.

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CHAPTER IX.

¹ God defendeth his church. ⁹ Zion is exhorted to rejoice for the coming of Christ, and his peaceable kingdom. ¹² God's promises of victory and defence.

THE ^aburden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, and ^bDamascus shall be the rest thereof: when ^cthe eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward the LORD.

² And ^dHamath also shall border thereby; ^eTyrus, and ^fZidon, though it be very ^gwise.

³ And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and ^hheaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

⁴ Behold, ⁱthe LORD will cast her out, and he will smite ^kher power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

⁵ ^lAshkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also shall see it, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

⁶ And a bastard shall dwell ^min Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

⁷ And I will take away his ⁿblood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, shall be for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

⁸ And ^oI will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and ^pno oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now ^qI have seen with mine eyes.

⁹ ¶ ^rRejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, ^sthy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and ^thaving salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

¹⁰ And I ^uwill cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from

Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak ^vpeace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be ^wfrom sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for thee also, ^xby the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy ^yprisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

¹² ¶ Turn you to the strong hold, ^zye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that ^aI will render double unto thee;

¹³ When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

¹⁴ And the LORD shall be seen over them, and ^bhis arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the LORD God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go ^cwith whirlwinds of the south.

¹⁵ The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and ^dsubdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they ^eshall be filled like bowls, and as ^fthe corners of the altar.

¹⁶ And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for ^gthey shall be as the stones of a crown, ^hlifted up as an ensign upon his land.

¹⁷ For ⁱhow great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! ^jcorn shall make the young men ^kcheerful, and new wine the maids.

CHAPTER X.

¹ God is to be sought unto, and not idols. ⁵ As he visited his flock for sin, so he will save and restore them.

ASK ye ^aof the LORD ^brain ^cin the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make ^dbright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

² For the ^eidols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams;

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^c Eph. 2. 14, 17.
^u Ps. 72. 8.

^a Or, whose covenant is by blood, Ex. 24. 8. Hebr. 10. 29. & 13. 20.

^x Isai. 42. 7. & 51. 14. & 61. 1.

^y Isai. 49. 9.
^z Isai. 61. 7.

^b Ps. 18. 14. & 77. 17. & 144. 6.

^c Isai. 21. 1.

^d Or, subdue the stones of the sling.

^e Or, shall fill both the bowls, &c.

^f Lev. 4. 18, 25. Deut. 12. 27.

^g Isai. 62. 3. Mal. 3. 17.

^h Isai. 11. 12.

ⁱ Ps. 31. 19.

^j Joel 3. 18. Amos 9. 14.

^k Or, grow, or, speak.

^a Jer. 14. 22.

^b Deut. 11. 14.

^c Job 29. 23.

^d Joel 2. 23.

^e Or, lightnings,

Jer. 10. 13.

^f Jer. 10. 8.

^g Hab. 2. 18.

^h Heb. teraphims,

Judg. 17. 5.

^a Jer. 23. 33.

^b Amos 1. 3.

^c 2 Chron. 20. 12. Ps. 145. 15.

^d Jer. 49. 23.

^e Isai. 23. Ezek. 26. & 27. & 28.

^f Amos 1. 9.

^g 1 Kin. 17. 9. Ezek. 28. 21. Obad. 20.

^h Ezek. 28. 3. &c.

ⁱ Job 27. 16. Ezek. 28. 4, 5.

^j Isai. 23. 1.

^k Ezek. 26. 17.

^l Jer. 47. 1, 5. Zeph. 2. 4.

^m Amos 1. 8.

ⁿ Heb. Woods.

^o Ps. 34. 7. ch. 2. 5.

^p Isai. 60. 18. Ezek. 28. 24.

^q Ex. 3. 7.

^r Isai. 62. 11. ch. 2. 10.

^s Matt. 21. 5.

^t John 12. 15.

^u Jer. 23. 5. & 30. 9.

^v Luke 19. 38.

^w John 1. 49.

^x Or, saving himself.

^y Hos. 1. 7. & 2. 18.

^z Mic. 5. 10.

^a Hag. 2. 22.

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^a Job 13. 4.
^b Or, answered that, &c.
^c Ezek. 34. 5.
^d Ezek. 34. 17.
^e Heb. visited upon.
^f Luke 1. 68.
^g Cant. 1. 9.

^h Num. 24. 17.
ⁱ Sam. 14. 38.
^j Isai. 19. 13.
^k Isai. 22. 23.

^m Ps. 18. 42.

ⁿ Or, they shall make the riders on horses ashamed.

^o Jer. 3. 18.
^p Ezek. 37. 21.
^q Hos. 1. 7.

^r ch. 13. 9.

^s Ps. 104. 15.
^t ch. 9. 15.

^u Isai. 5. 26.

^v Isai. 49. 19.
^w Ezek. 36. 37.

^x Hos. 2. 23.
^y Deut. 30. 1.

^z Isai. 11. 11,
16.
^{aa} Hos. 11. 11.

^{ab} Isai. 49. 20.

^{ac} Isai. 11. 15,
16.

they ^acomfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they ^bwere troubled, ^cbecause *there* was no shepherd.

^d Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, ^eand I ^fpunished the goats: for the LORD of hosts ^ghath visited his flock the house of Judah, and ^hhath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

ⁱ Out of him came forth ^jthe corner, out of him ^kthe nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

^l ¶ And they shall be as mighty men, which ^mtread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD *is* with them, and ⁿthe riders on horses shall be confounded.

^o And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and ^pI will bring them again to place them; for I ^qhave mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and ^rwill hear them.

^s And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their ^theart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see *it*, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

^u I will ^vhiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: ^wand they shall increase as they have increased.

^x And ^yI will sow them among the people: and they shall ^zremember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

^{aa} I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and ^{ab}place shall not be found for them.

^{ac} And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up:

and ^athe pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and ^bthe sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.

^c And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and ^dthey shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER XI.

¹ The destruction of Jerusalem. ³ The elect being cared for, the rest are rejected. ¹⁰ The staves of Beauty and Bands broken by the rejection of Christ. ¹⁵ The type and curse of a foolish shepherd.

OPEN ^athy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

² Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the ^bmighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; ^cfor ^dthe forest of the vintage is come down.

^e ¶ There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

^f Thus saith the LORD my God; ^gFeed the flock of the slaughter;

^h Whose possessors slay them, and ⁱhold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them ^jsay, Blessed be the LORD; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not.

^k For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will ^ldeliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them*.

^m And I will ⁿfeed the flock of slaughter, ^oeven you, ^pO poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called ^qBands; and I fed the flock.

^r Three shepherds also I cut off ^sin one month; and my soul ^tloathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.

^u Then said I, I will not feed you: ^vthat that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let

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^a Isai. 14. 25.
^b Ezek. 30. 13.
^c Mic. 4. 5.

^d ch. 10. 10.

^e Or, gallants.

^f Isai. 32. 19.
^g Or, the defenced forest.

^h ver. 7.

ⁱ Jer. 2. 3. &
50. 7.
^j Deut. 29. 19.
Hos. 12. 8.

^k Heb. make to be found.

^l ver. 4.

^m Or, verily the poor.
ⁿ Zeph. 3. 12.
Matt. 11. 5.
^o Or, Binders.

^p Hos. 5. 7.

^q Heb. was straitened for them.

^r Jer. 15. 2. &
43. 11.

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^a Heb. of his
fellow, or,
neighbour.

^a Or, the poor
of the flock,
&c. certainly
knew.

^k Zeph. 3. 12.
ver. 7.

⁴ Heb. If it be
good in your
eyes.

¹ Matt. 26. 15.
See Exod.
21. 32.

^m Matt. 27. 9,
10.

^a Or, Binders.

ⁿ Ezek. 34. 2,
3, 4.

^a Or, hidden.

⁷ Or, bear.

^o Jer. 23. 1.
Ezek. 34. 2.
John 10. 12,
13.

^a Isai. 42. 5.
& 44. 24. &
45. 12, 18. &
48. 13.
^b Num. 16. 22.
Eccles. 12. 7.
Isai. 57. 16.
Hebr. 12. 9.

it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh ² of another.

10 ¶ And I took my staff, *even* Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

11 And it was broken in that day: and ³ so ^k the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.

12 And I said unto them, 'If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they ¹ weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver.

13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the ^m potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even* ⁵ Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 ¶ And the LORD said unto me, ⁿ Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *which* shall not visit those that be ⁶ cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor ⁷ feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

17 ^o Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword *shall* be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

CHAPTER XII.

¹ Jerusalem a cup of trembling to herself, ³ and a burdensome stone to her adversaries.
⁶ The victorious restoring of Judah. ⁹ The repentance of Jerusalem.

THE burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, ^a which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and ^b formeth the spirit of man within him.

² Behold, I will make Jerusalem

^o a cup of ² trembling unto all the people round about, ³ when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem.

⁸ ¶ And in that day will I make Jerusalem ^a a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

⁴ In that day, saith the LORD, ^f I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

⁵ And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, ⁴ The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall* be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

⁶ ¶ In that day will I make the governors of Judah ^a like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.

⁷ The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify *themselves* against Judah.

⁸ In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and ^b he that is ^{5 6} feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall* be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

⁹ ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to ⁱ destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

¹⁰ ^k And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall ¹ look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, ^m as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for

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^o Isai. 51. 17,
22, 23.

^a Or, slumber,
or, poison.

^b Or, and
also against
Judah shall
be which
shall be in
siege against
Jerusalem.

^d ver. 4, 6, 8, 9,
11. & ch. 13. 1.
& 14. 4, 6, 8,
9, 13.

^e Matt. 21. 44.

^f Ps. 76. 6.
Ezek. 38. 4.

⁴ Or, There is
strength to
me and to the
inhabitants,
&c.
Joel 3. 16.

⁵ Obad. 18.

^b Joel 3. 10.

⁵ Or, object.

⁶ Heb. fallen.

¹ Hag. 2. 22.
ver. 3.

^k Jer. 31. 9. &
50. 4.
Ezek. 39. 29.
Joel 2. 28.

¹ John 19. 34,
37. Rev. 1. 7.

^m Jer. 6. 26.
Amos 8. 10.

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^a Acts 2. 37.
^o 2 Kin. 23. 29.
2 Chron. 35.
24.

^p Matt. 24. 30.
Rev. 1. 7.
^b Heb. families,
families.

^q 2 Sam. 5. 14.
Luke 3. 31.

^r Or, of Simeon,
as LXX.

^a ch. 12. 3.
^b Hebr. 9. 14.
1 Pet. 1. 19.
Rev. 1. 5.
^c Heb. separation for
uncleanness.

^o Ex. 23. 13.
Josh. 23. 7.
Ps. 16. 4.
Ezek. 30. 13.
Hos. 2. 17.
Mic. 5. 12, 13.
^d 2 Pet. 2. 1.

^e Deut. 13. 6, 8.
& 18. 20.

^f Mic. 3. 6, 7.

^g 2 Kin. 1. 8.
Isai. 20. 2.
Matt. 3. 4.
^h Heb. a garment of hair.
ⁱ Heb. to lie.
^j Amos 7. 14.

him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

11 In that day shall there be a great ^a mourning in Jerusalem, ^o as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 ^p And the land shall mourn, ^a every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of ^q Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family ^r of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

CHAPTER XIII.

1 *The fountain of purgation for Jerusalem,* 2 *from idolatry, and false prophecy.* 7 *The death of Christ, and the trial of a third part.*

IN ^a that day there shall be ^b a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for ^c uncleanness.

2 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will ^e cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause ^d the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

3 And it shall come to pass, *that* when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him ^e shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

4 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* ^f the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear ^g a rough garment ^h to deceive:

5 ⁱ But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for

man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

6 And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

7 ¶ Awake, O sword, against ⁱ my shepherd, and against the man ^j that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: ^k smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon ^m the little ones.

8 And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; ⁿ but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part ^o through the fire, and will ^p refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: ^q they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: ^r I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

CHAPTER XIV.

1 *The destroyers of Jerusalem destroyed.* 4 *The coming of Christ, and the graces of his kingdom.* 12 *The plague of Jerusalem's enemies.* 16 *The remnant shall turn to the Lord,* 20 *and their spoils shall be holy.*

BEHOLD, ^a the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For ^b I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and ^c the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 ¶ And his feet shall stand in that day ^d upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward

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ⁱ Isai. 40. 11.
Ezek. 34. 23.

^k John 10. 30.
& 14. 10, 11.
Phil. 2. 6.

^l Matt. 26. 31.
Mark 14. 27.
^m Matt. 18. 10,
14.
Luke 12. 32.

ⁿ Rom. 11. 5.

^o Isai. 48. 10.
^p 1 Pet. 1. 6, 7.

^q Ps. 50. 15.
& 91. 15.
ch. 10. 6.
^r Ps. 144. 15.
Jer. 30. 22.
Ezek. 11. 20.
Hos. 2. 23.
ch. 8. 8.

^a Isai. 13. 9.
Joel 2. 31.
Acts 2. 20.

^b Joel 3. 2.

^c Isai. 13. 16.

^d See Ezek.
11. 23.

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* Joel 3. 12, 14.

* Or, my mountains.

* Or, when he shall touch the valley of the mountains to the place he separated.
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* Amos 1. 1.
* Matt. 16. 27.
& 24. 30, 31.
& 25. 31.
Jude 14.

* Joel 3. 11.
* i. e. It shall not be clear in some places, and dark in other places of the world.

* Heb. precious.

* Heb. thickness.

* Or, the day shall be one.

* Rev. 22. 5.

* Matt. 24. 36.

* Isai. 30. 26.
& 60. 19, 20.
Rev. 21. 23.

* Ezek. 47. 1.
Joel 3. 18.
Rev. 22. 1.

* Or, eastern,
Joel 2. 20.

* Dan. 2. 44.
Rev. 11. 15.

* Eph. 4. 5, 6.

* Or, compassed.

* Isai. 40. 4.
ch. 12. 6.

* Or, shall abide.

* Neh. 3. 1.
& 12. 39.
Jer. 31. 38.

* Jer. 31. 40.

* Jer. 23. 6.

* Or, shall abide.

the east and toward the west, ^aand there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of ^athe mountains; ^afor the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the ^aearthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: ^aand the LORD my God shall come, and ^ball the saints with thee.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, ^athat the light shall not be ^bclear, nor ^bdark:

7 But ^ait shall be ^aone day ^kwhich shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, ^athat at ^aevening time it shall be light.

8 And it shall be in that day, ^athat living ^mwaters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the ^aformer sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And the LORD shall be ^aking over all the earth: in that day shall there be ^aone LORD, and his name one.

10 All the land shall be ^aturned ^aas a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and ^ainhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, ^aand from the tower of Hana-neel unto the king's winepresses.

11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be ^ano more utter destruction; ^abut Jerusalem ^ashall be safely inhabited.

12 ¶ And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, ^athat ^aa great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and ^ahis hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

14 And ^aJudah also shall fight ^aat Jerusalem; ^aand the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

15 And ^aso shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

16 ¶ And it shall come to pass, ^athat every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even ^ago up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep ^bthe feast of tabernacles.

17 ^aAnd it shall be, ^athat whoso will not come up of ^aall the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, ^athat ^ahave no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19 This shall be the ^apunishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

20 ¶ In that day shall there be upon the ^abells of the horses, ^aHOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the ^aCanaanite in ^athe house of the LORD of hosts.

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* 1 Sam. 14. 15, 20.

* Judg. 7. 22.
2 Chron. 20. 23.
Ezek. 38. 21.

* Or, thou also, O Judah, shalt.

* Or, against.
* Ezek. 39. 10, 17, &c.

* ver. 12.

* Isai. 60. 6, 7, 9.
& 66. 23.

* Lev. 23. 34, 43.
Neh. 8. 14.
Hos. 12. 9.
John 7. 2.

* Isai. 60. 12.

* Heb. upon whom there is not.

* Deut. 11. 10.

* Or, sin.

* Or, bridles.

* Isai. 23. 18.

* Isai. 35. 8.
Joel 3. 17.
Rev. 21. 27.
& 22. 15.

* Eph. 2. 19, 20, 21, 22.

MALACHI.

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CHAPTER I.

¹ *Malachi complaineth of Israel's unkindness.*
⁶ *Of their irreligiousness, 12 and profaneness.*

THE burden of the word of the LORD to Israel ² by Malachi.

² ^a I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet ^b I loved Jacob,

³ And I hated Esau, and ^c laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

⁴ Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

⁵ And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, ^d The LORD will be magnified ³ ⁴ from the border of Israel.

⁶ ¶ A son ^e honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: ^f if then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour? and if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. ^g And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

⁷ ^h Ye offer ^b polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, ⁱ The table of the LORD *is* contemptible.

⁸ And ^k if ye offer the blind ² for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or ^l accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

⁹ And now, I pray you, beseech ³ God that he will be gracious unto us: ^m this hath been ⁴ by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

¹⁰ Who *is there* even among you that would shut the doors *for nought*? ⁿ neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, ^o neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

¹¹ For ^p from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be* great ^q among the Gentiles; ^r and in every place ^s incense *shall be* offered unto my name, and a pure offering: ^t for my name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹² ¶ But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, ^u The table of the LORD *is* polluted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his meat, *is* contemptible.

¹³ Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it*! ^v and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: ^w should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

¹⁴ But cursed *be* ^x the deceiver,

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^k Lev. 22. 22.
Deut. 15. 21.
ver. 14.

^l Heb. *to sacrifice.*

¹ Job 42. 8.

^h Heb. *the face of God.*

^m Hos. 13. 9.

⁴ Heb. *from your hand.*

ⁿ 1 Cor. 9. 13.

^o Isai. 1. 11.
Jer. 6. 20.
Amos 5. 21.

^p Ps. 113. 3.
Isai. 59. 19.

^q Isai. 60. 3, 5.

^r John 4. 21, 23.

1 Tim. 2. 8.

^s Rev. 8. 3.

^t Isai. 66. 19, 20.

^u ver. 7.

^v Or, *whereas ye might have blown it away.*

^w Lev. 22. 20, &c.

^x ver. 8.

^a Heb. *by the hand of Malachi.*

^b Deut. 7. 8. & 10. 15.

^b Rom. 9. 13.

^c Jer. 49. 18.
Ezek. 35. 3, 4,
7, 9, 14, 15.
Obad. 10, &c.

^d Ps. 35. 27.

^e Or, *upon.*

^f Heb. *from upon.*

^g Ex. 20. 12.

^h Luke 6. 46.

^g ch. 2. 14, 17. & 3. 7, 8, 13.

^h Or, *Bring unto, &c.*

ⁱ Deut. 15. 21.

^j Ezek. 41. 22. ver. 12.

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^a Or, in whose flock is.
^b Ps. 47. 2.
^c 1 Tim. 6. 15.

^a which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for ^aI am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

CHAPTER II.

¹ He sharply reproveth the priests for neglecting their covenant, ¹¹ and the people for idolatry, ¹⁴ for adultery, ¹⁷ and for infidelity.

AND now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you.

² If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

³ Behold, I will ³corrupt your seed, and ⁴spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and ⁵one shall ^btake you away with it.

⁴ And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁵ My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him ^dfor the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

⁶ The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did ^tturn many away from iniquity.

⁷ For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: ^bfor he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

⁸ But ye are departed out of the way; ye ⁱhave caused many to ^estumble at the law; ^kye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁹ Therefore ⁱhave I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have

not kept my ways, but ^ahave been partial in the law.

¹⁰ Have we not all one father? ^ahath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

¹¹ ¶ Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he ⁴loved, ^oand hath married the daughter of a strange god.

¹² The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, ⁵the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, ^pand him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

¹³ And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.

¹⁴ ¶ Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and ^athe wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: ^ryet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

¹⁵ And ^adid not he make one? Yet had he the ^eresidue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek ⁷a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal ⁸treacherously against the wife of his youth.

¹⁶ For ^athe LORD, the God of Israel, saith ⁹that he hateth ²putting away: for ^{one} covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

¹⁷ ¶ Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

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^a Or, lifted up the face against.
^b Heb. accepted faces.
^c 1 Cor. 8. 6.
^d Eph. 4. 6.
^e Job 31. 15.

^f Or, ought to love.
^g Ezra 9. 1.
^h & 10. 2.
ⁱ Neh. 13. 23.

^j Or, him that waketh, and him that answereth.
^k Neh. 13. 28, 29.

^l Prov. 5. 18.

^m Prov. 2. 17.

ⁿ Matt. 19. 4, 5.

^o Or, excellency.

^p Heb. a seed of God.

^q Ezra 9. 2.

^r 1 Cor. 7. 14.

^s Or, unfaithfully.

^t Deut. 24. 1.

^u Matt. 5. 32.

^v & 19. 8.

^w Or, if he hate her, put her away.

^x Heb. to put away.

^y Isai. 43. 24.

^z Amos 2. 13.

^{aa} ch. 3. 13, 14,

^{ab} 15.

^c Lev. 26. 14, &c.
^d Deut. 28. 15, &c.

^e Or, reprove.
^f Heb. scatter.

^g Or, it shall take you away to it.

^h 1 Kin. 14. 10.

ⁱ Num. 25. 12.
^j Ezek. 34. 25, & 37. 26.

^k Deut. 33. 8, 9.

^l Deut. 33. 10.

^m Jer. 23. 22.
ⁿ Jam. 5. 20.

^o Lev. 10. 11.
^p Deut. 17. 9, 10, & 24. 8.
^q Ezra 7. 10.
^r Jer. 18. 18.
^s Hag. 2. 11, 12.

^t Gal. 4. 14.

^u 1 Sam. 2. 17.

^v Jer. 18. 15.

^w Or, fall in the law.

^x Neh. 13. 29.

^y 1 Sam. 2. 30.

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CHAPTER III.

1 Of the messenger, majesty, and grace of Christ. 7 Of the rebellion, 8 sacrilege, 13 and infidelity of the people. 16 The promise of blessing to them that fear God.

BEHOLD, ^aI will send my messenger, and he shall ^bprepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, ^ceven the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, ^dhe shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

² But who may abide ^ethe day of his coming? and ^fwho shall stand when he appeareth? for ^ghe is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope:

⁸ And ^hhe shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may ⁱoffer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

⁴ Then ^kshall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in ^lformer years.

⁵ And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, ¹and against false swearers, and against those that ³oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁶ For I *am* the LORD, ^mI change not; ⁿtherefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

⁷ ¶ Even from the days of ^oyour fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*.

^p Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

^q But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

⁸ ¶ Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee?

^r In tithes and offerings.

⁹ Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even this whole nation*.

^a Matt. 11. 10.
Mark 1. 2.
Luke 1. 76.
& 7. 27.

^b Isai. 40. 3.

^c Isai. 63. 9.

^d Hag. 2. 7.

^e ch. 4. 1.

^f Rev. 6. 17.

^g See Isai. 4. 4.
Matt. 3. 10,
11, 12.

^h Isai. 1. 25.
Zech. 13. 9.

ⁱ 1 Pet. 2. 5.

^k ch. 1. 11.

^l Or, *ancient*.

¹ Zech. 5. 4.
Jam. 5. 4, 12.

³ Or, *defraud*.

^m Num. 23. 19.
Rom. 11. 29.
Jam. 1. 17.

ⁿ Lam. 3. 22.

^o Acts 7. 51.

^p Zech. 1. 3.

^q ch. 1. 6.

^r Neh. 13. 10,
12.

¹⁰ ^a Bring ye all the tithes into ^tthe storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the ^uwindows of heaven, and ²^xpour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*.

¹¹ And I will rebuke ^ythe devourer for your sakes, and he shall not ³destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹² And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be ^aa delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹³ ¶ ^aYour words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken *so much* against thee?

¹⁴ ^bYe have said, It *is* vain to serve God: and what profit *is it* that we have kept ^chis ordinance, and that we have walked ⁵mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

¹⁵ And now ^ewe call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness ⁶are set up; yea, *they that* ^dtempt God are even delivered.

¹⁶ ¶ Then they ^ethat feared the LORD ^fspake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and ^ga book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

¹⁷ And ^hthey shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my ⁷ⁱjewels; and ^kI will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

¹⁸ ¹Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

CHAPTER IV.

1 God's judgment on the wicked, 2 and his blessing on the good. 4 He exhorteth to the study of the law, 5 and telleth of Elijah's coming and office.

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^a Prov. 3. 9, 10.

^t 1 Chron. 26.

²⁰ 2 Chron.

31. 11.

Neh. 10. 38.

& 13. 12.

^u Gen. 7. 11.

² Kin. 7. 2.

^y Heb. *empty*

out.

^x 2 Chron. 31.

10.

^y Amos 4. 9.

³ Heb. *corrupt*.

^a Dan. 8. 9.

^a ch. 2. 17.

^b Job 21. 14, 15.
& 22. 17.

Ps. 73. 13.

Zeph. 1. 12.

^c Heb. *his ob-*

servation.

^d Heb. *in black*.

^e Ps. 73. 12.

ch. 2. 17.

⁶ Heb. *are*

built.

^d Ps. 95. 9.

^e Ps. 86. 16.

ch. 1. 2.

^f Hebr. 3. 13.

^g Ps. 56. 9.

Isai. 65. 6.

Rev. 20. 12.

^h Ex. 19. 5.

Deut. 7. 6.

Ps. 135. 4.

Tit. 2. 14.

1 Pet. 2. 9.

ⁱ Or, *special*

treasure.

¹ Isai. 62. 3.

^k Ps. 103. 13.

¹ Ps. 58. 11.

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^a Joel 2. 31.
ch. 3. 2.
² Pet. 3. 7.
^b ch. 3. 18.
^c Obad. 18.
^d Amos 2. 9.

^e ch. 3. 16.
^f Luke 1. 78.
Eph. 5. 14.
² Pet. 1. 19.
Rev. 2. 28.

^g 2 Sam. 22. 43.
Mic. 7. 10.
Zech. 10. 5.

FOR, behold, ^athe day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all ^bthe proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be ^cstubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall ^dleave them neither root nor branch.

² ¶ But unto you that ^efear my name shall the ^fSun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

³ ^gAnd ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the

day that I shall do *this*, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁴ ¶ Remember ye the ^hlaw of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him ⁱin Horeb for all Israel, *with* ^kthe statutes and judgments.

⁵ ¶ Behold, I will send you ^lElijah the prophet ^mbefore the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and ⁿsmite the earth with ^oa curse.

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^h Ex. 20. 3, &c.
ⁱ Deut. 4. 10.
^k Ps. 147. 19.

^l Matt. 11. 14.
& 17. 11.
Mark 9. 11.
Luke 1. 17.
^m Joel 2. 31.

ⁿ Zech. 14. 12.
^o Zech. 5. 3.

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CHAP. I.

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1 Josias his charge to the priests and Levites. 7 A great passover is kept. 32 His death is much lamented. 34 His successors. 53 The temple, city, and people are destroyed. 56 The rest are carried unto Babylon.

^a 2 Kings
23. 21.
2 Chr. 35. 1,
&c.

AND Josias held the ^afeast of the passover in Jerusalem unto his Lord, and offered the passover the fourteenth day of the first month;

2 Having set the priests according to their daily courses, being arrayed in long garments, in the temple of the Lord.

3 And he spake unto the Levites, the holy ministers of Israel, that they should hallow themselves unto the Lord, to set the holy ark of the Lord in the house that king Solomon the son of David had built:

4 And said, Ye shall no more bear the ark upon your shoulders: now therefore serve the Lord your God, and minister unto his people Israel, and prepare you after your families and kindreds,

5 According as David the king of Israel prescribed, and according to the magnificence of Solomon his son: and standing in the temple according to the several dignity of the families of you the Levites, who minister in the presence of your brethren the children of Israel,

6 Offer the passover in order, and make ready the sacrifices for your brethren, and keep the passover according to the commandment of the Lord, which was given unto Moses.

7 And unto the people that was found there Josias gave thirty thousand lambs and kids, and three thousand calves: these things were given of the king's allowance, according as he promised, to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites.

^{||} Or, *Jehiel*,
2 Chr. 35. 8.

8 And Helkias, Zacharias, and ^{||}Sylus, the governors of the temple, gave to the priests for the passover two thousand and six hundred sheep, and three hundred calves.

9 And Jeconias, and Samaias, and Nathanael his brother, and Assabias, and

Ochiel, and Joram, captains over thousands, gave to the Levites for the passover five thousand sheep, and ^{||}seven hundred calves.

Before
CHRIST
cir. 623.

^{||} Or,
five hundred
calves,
2 Chr. 35. 9.

10 And when these things were done, the priests and Levites, having the unleavened bread, stood in very comely order according to the kindreds,

11 And according to the several dignities of the fathers, before the people, to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses: ^b and thus did they in the morning.

^b 2 Chr. 35.
12, and so
of the bullocks.
^c Ex. 12. 8.

12 And they ^croasted the passover with fire, as appertaineth: as for the sacrifices, they sod them in brass pots and pans ^{||}with a good savour,

^{||} Or, with
good speed,
or, willingly,
2 Chr. 35. 13.

13 And set them before all the people: and afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests their brethren, the sons of Aaron.

14 For the priests offered the fat until night: and the Levites prepared for themselves, and the priests their brethren, the sons of Aaron.

15 The holy singers also, the sons of Asaph, were in their order, according to the appointment ^dof David, to wit, Asaph, Zacharias, and Jeduthun, who was ^eof the king's retinue.

^d 2 Chr. 35.
15, of David
and Asaph.

^e 2 Chr. 35.
15, the king's
seer.

16 Moreover the porters were at every gate; it was not lawful for any to go from his ordinary service: for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

17 Thus were the things that belonged to the sacrifices of the Lord accomplished in that day, that they might hold the passover,

18 And offer sacrifices upon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandment of king Josias.

19 So the children of Israel which were present held the passover at that time, and the feast of sweet bread seven days.

20 And such a passover was not kept in Israel since the time of the prophet Samuel.

Before
CHRIST
cir. 628.

21 Yea, all the kings of Israel held not such a passover as Josias, and the priests, and the Levites, and the Jews, held with all Israel that were found dwelling at Jerusalem.

22 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josias was this passover kept.

23 And the works of Josias were upright before his Lord with an heart full of godliness.

24 As for the things that came to pass in his time, they were written in former times, concerning those that sinned, and *||* did wickedly against the Lord above all people and kingdoms, and how they grieved him *||* exceedingly, so that the words of the Lord rose up against Israel.

|| Or, were
ungodly.

|| Or,
sensibly.

² 2 Chron.
35. 20, 26.
cir. 610.

25 ^f Now after all these acts of Josias it came to pass, that Pharaoh the king of Egypt came to raise war at Carchamis upon Euphrates: and Josias went out against him.

26 But the king of Egypt sent to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, O king of Judea?

27 I am not sent out from the Lord God against thee; for my war is upon Euphrates: and now the Lord is with me, yea, the Lord is with me hasting me forward: depart from me, and be not against the Lord.

28 Howbeit Josias did not turn back his chariot from him, but undertook to fight with him, not regarding the words of the prophet Jeremy spoken by the mouth of the Lord:

29 But joined battle with him in the plain of Magiddo, and the princes came against king Josias.

30 Then said the king unto his servants, Carry me away out of the battle; for I am very weak. And immediately his servants took him away out of the battle.

31 Then gat he up upon his second chariot; and being brought back to Jerusalem died, and was buried in his father's sepulchre.

32 And in all Jewry they mourned for Josias, yea, Jeremy the prophet lamented for Josias, and the chief men with the women made lamentation for him unto this day: and this was given out for an ordinance to be done continually in all the nation of Israel.

33 These things are written in the book of the stories of the kings of Judah, and every one of the acts that Josias did, and his glory, and his understanding in the law of the Lord, and the things that he had done before, and the things now recited, are reported in the book of the kings of Israel and Judea.

34 ^g And the people took Joachaz the son of Josias, and made him king instead of Josias his father, when he was twenty and three years old.

35 And he reigned in Judea and in Jerusalem three months: and then the king of Egypt deposed him from reigning in Jerusalem.

36 And he set a tax upon the land of an hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold.

37 The king of Egypt also made king Joacim his brother king of Judea and Jerusalem.

38 And he bound Joacim and the nobles: but Zaraces his brother he apprehended, and brought him out of Egypt.

39 Five and twenty years old was ^h Joacim when he was made king in the land of Judea and Jerusalem; and he did evil before the Lord.

40 Wherefore against him Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon came up, and bound him with a chain of brass, and carried him into Babylon.

41 Nabuchodonosor also took of the holy vessels of the Lord, and carried them away, and set them in his own temple at Babylon.

42 But those things that are recorded of him, and of his uncleanness and impiety, are written in the chronicles of the kings.

43 And Joacim his son reigned in his stead: he was made king being eighteen years old;

44 And reigned but three months and ten days in Jerusalem; and did evil before the Lord.

45 So after a year Nabuchodonosor sent and caused him to be brought into Babylon with the holy vessels of the Lord;

46 And made Zedechias king of Judea and Jerusalem, when he was one and twenty years old; and he reigned eleven years:

Before
CHRIST
cir. 610.

cir. 610.
^g 2 Kings
23. 30.
2 Chr. 36. 1.

cir. 610.
^h 2 Chron.
36. 4, 5.
Jehoiakim,
or, Eliakim.

cir. 608.

cir. 599.

599.

Before
CHRIST
599.

¹ Jer. 52. 2,
&c.

593.

47 And ¹he did evil also in the sight of the Lord, and cared not for the words that were spoken unto him by the prophet Jeremy from the mouth of the Lord.

48 And after that king Nabuchodonosor had made him to swear by the name of the Lord, he forswore himself, and rebelled; and hardening his neck, and his heart, he transgressed the laws of the Lord God of Israel.

49 The governors also of the people and of the priests did many things against the laws, and passed all the pollutions of all nations, and defiled the temple of the Lord, which was sanctified in Jerusalem.

50 Nevertheless the God of their fathers sent by his messenger to call them back, because he spared them and his tabernacle also.

51 But they had his messengers in derision; and, look, when the Lord spake unto them, they made a sport of his prophets:

52 So far forth, that he, being wroth with his people for their great ungodliness, commanded the kings of the Chaldees to come up against them;

53 Who slew their young men with the sword, yea, even within the compass of their holy temple, and spared neither young man nor maid, old man nor child, among them; for he delivered all into their hands.

54 And they took all the holy vessels of the Lord, both great and small, with the vessels of the ark of God, and the king's treasures, and carried them away into Babylon.

cir. 588.

55 As for the house of the Lord, they burnt it, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem, and set fire upon her towers:

56 And as for her glorious things, they never ceased till they had consumed and brought them all to nought: and the people that were not slain with the sword he carried unto Babylon:

¹ Jer. 25. 11.
& 29. 10.

57 Who became servants to him and his children, till the Persians reigned, to fulfil the ^k word of the Lord spoken by the mouth of Jeremy:

¹ Or, keep
sabbath.

58 Until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths, the whole time of her desolation shall she ¹ rest, until the full term of seventy years.

CHAP. II.

Before
CHRIST
cir. 536.

¹ Cyrus is moved by God to build the temple, 5 and giveth leave to the Jews to return, and contribute to it. ¹¹ He delivereth again the vessels which had been taken thence. ²⁵ Artaxerxes forbiddeth the Jews to build any more.

IN the ^afirst year of Cyrus king of the Persians, that the word of the Lord might be accomplished, that he had promised by the mouth of Jeremy;

cir. 536,
^a 2 Chr. 36.
22, 23.
Ezra 1. 1,
&c.

² The Lord raised up the spirit of Cyrus the king of the Persians, and he made proclamation through all his kingdom, and also by writing,

³ Saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of the Persians; The Lord of Israel, the most high Lord, hath made me king of the whole world,

⁴ And commanded me to build him an house at Jerusalem in Jewry.

⁵ If therefore there be any of you that are of his people, let the Lord, even his Lord, be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem that is in Judea, and build the house of the Lord of Israel: for ¹ he is the Lord that ¹ Or, this. dwelleth in Jerusalem.

⁶ Whosoever then dwell in the places about, let them help him, those, I say, that are his neighbours, with gold, and with silver,

⁷ With gifts, with horses, and with cattle, and other things, which have been set forth by vow, for the temple of the Lord at Jerusalem.

⁸ ¶ Then the chief of the families of Judea and of the tribe of Benjamin stood up; the priests also, and the Levites, and all they whose mind the Lord had moved to go up, and to build an house for the Lord at Jerusalem,

⁹ And they that dwelt round about them, and helped them in all things with silver and gold, with [†] horses and cattle, and with very many free gifts of a great number whose minds were stirred up thereto.

[†] Heb.
substance.
Ezra 1. 6.

¹⁰ King Cyrus also brought forth the holy vessels, which Nabuchodonosor had carried away from Jerusalem, and had set up in his temple of idols.

¹¹ Now when Cyrus king of the Persians had brought them forth, he delivered them to Mithridates his treasurer:

[†] Gr.
Shashbazar:
the first part
of the word
is corruptly
joined to the
word going
before.
Ezra 1. 8.

¹² And by him they were delivered to [†] Sanabassar the governor of Judea.

¹³ And this was the number of them;

Before
CHRIST
cir. 536.

† Heb.
knives,
Ezra 1. 9.
b Ezra 1. 10,
but four
hundred
and ten.
cir. 522.
c Ezra 1. 11,
but five
thousand
four hun-
dred.

d Ezra 4. 7.

† Rathumus,
and the
name which
followeth is
but an epi-
thet to the
former,
Ezra 4. 9.
† Shimshai,
Ezra 4. 8.

A thousand golden cups, and a thousand of silver, † censers of silver twenty nine, vials of gold thirty, and of silver^b two thousand four hundred and ten, and a thousand other vessels.

14 So all the vessels of gold and of silver, which were carried away, were^c five thousand four hundred threescore and nine.

15 These were brought back by Sanabassar, together with them of the captivity, from Babylon to Jerusalem.

16^d But in the time of Artaxerxes king of the Persians Belemus, and Mithridates, and Tabellius, and † Rathumus, and Beeltethmus, and † Semellius the secretary, with others that were in commission with them, dwelling in Samaria and other places, wrote unto him against them that dwelt in Judea and Jerusalem these letters following;

17 To king Artaxerxes our lord, Thy servants, Rathumus the storywriter, and Semellius the scribe, and the rest of their council, and the judges that are in Celosyria and Phenice.

18 Be it now known to the lord the king, that the Jews that are come up from you to us, being come into Jerusalem, that rebellious and wicked city, do build the marketplaces, and repair the walls of it, and do lay the foundation of the temple.

19 Now if this city and the walls thereof be made up again, they will not only refuse to give tribute, but also rebel against kings.

20 And forasmuch as the things pertaining to the temple are now in hand, we think it meet not to neglect such a matter,

21 But to speak unto our lord the king, to the intent that, if it be thy pleasure, it may be sought out in the books of thy fathers:

22 And thou shalt find in the chronicles what is written concerning these things, and shalt understand that that city was rebellious, troubling both kings and cities:

23 And that the Jews were rebellious, and raised always wars therein; for the which cause even this city was made desolate.

24 Wherefore now we do declare unto thee, O lord the king, that if this

city be built again, and the walls thereof set up anew, thou shalt from henceforth have no passage into Celosyria and Phenice.

25 Then the king wrote back again to Rathumus the storywriter, to Beeltethmus, to Semellius the scribe, and to the rest that were in commission, and dwellers in Samaria and Syria and Phenice, after this manner;

26 I have read the epistle which ye have sent unto me: therefore I commanded to make diligent search, and it hath been found that that city was from the beginning practising against kings;

27 And the men therein were given to rebellion and war: and that mighty kings and fierce were in Jerusalem, who reigned and exacted tributes in Celosyria and Phenice.

28 Now therefore I have commanded to hinder those men from building the city, and heed to be taken that there be no more done in it;

29 And that those wicked workers proceed no further to the annoyance of kings.

30 Then king Artaxerxes his letters being read, Rathumus, and Semellius the scribe, and the rest that were in commission with them, removing in haste toward Jerusalem with a troop of horsemen and || a multitude of people in battle array, began to hinder the builders; and the building of the temple in Jerusalem ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of the Persians.

Before
CHRIST
cir. 522.

|| Or, a great
number of
soldiers.

cir. 520.

CHAP. III.

4 Three strive to excel each other in wise speeches. 9 They refer themselves to the judgment of the king. 18 The first declareth the strength of wine.

NOW when Darius reigned, he made a great feast unto all his subjects, and unto all his household, and unto all the princes of Media and Persia,

2 And to all the governors and captains and lieutenants that were under him, from India unto Ethiopia, of an hundred twenty and seven provinces.

3 And when they had eaten and drunken, and being satisfied were gone home, then Darius the king went into his bedchamber, and slept, and soon after awaked.

4 Then three young men, that were of the guard that kept the king's body, spake one to another ;

5 Let every one of us speak a sentence: he that shall overcome, and whose sentence shall seem wiser than the others, unto him shall the king Darius give great gifts, and great things in token of victory :

6 As, to be clothed in purple, to drink in gold, and to sleep upon gold, and a chariot with bridles of gold, and an headtire of fine linen, and a chain about his neck :

7 And he shall sit next to Darius because of his wisdom, and shall be called Darius his cousin.

8 And then every one wrote his sentence, sealed it, and laid it under king Darius his pillow ;

9 And said that, when the king is risen, some will give him the writings ; and of whose side the king and the three princes of Persia shall judge that his sentence is the wisest, to him shall the victory be given, as was appointed.

10 The first wrote, Wine is the strongest.

11 The second wrote, The king is strongest.

12 The third wrote, Women are strongest: but above all things Truth beareth away the victory.

13 ¶ Now when the king was risen up, they took their writings, and delivered them unto him, and so he read them :

14 And sending forth he called all the princes of Persia and Media, and the governors, and the captains, and the lieutenants, and the chief officers ;

¶ Or,
council.

15 And sat him down in the ¶ royal seat of judgment; and the writings were read before them.

16 And he said, Call the young men, and they shall declare their own sentences. So they were called, and came in.

17 And he said unto them, Declare unto us your mind concerning the writings. Then began the first, who had spoken of the strength of wine ;

18 And he said thus, O ye men, how exceeding strong is wine ! it causeth all men to err that drink it :

19 It maketh the mind of the king and of the fatherless child to be all one ;

of the bondman and of the freeman, of the poor man and of the rich :

20 It turneth also every thought into jollity and mirth, so that a man remembereth neither sorrow nor debt :

21 And it maketh every heart rich, so that a man remembereth neither king nor governor ; and it maketh to speak all things by talents :

22 And when they are in their cups, they forget their love both to friends and brethren, and a little after draw out swords :

23 But when they are from the wine, they remember not what they have done.

24 O ye men, is not wine the strongest, that enforceth to do thus ? And when he had so spoken, he held his peace.

CHAP. IV.

1 The second declareth the power of a king. 13 The third the force of women, 33 and of truth. 41 The third is judged to be wisest, 47 and obtaineth letters of the king to build Jerusalem. 58 He praiseth God, and sheweth his brethren what he had done.

THEN the second, that had spoken of the strength of the king, began to say,

2 O ye men, do not men excel in strength, that ¶ bear rule over sea and land, and all things in them ?

¶ Or,
have the
command.

3 But yet the king is more mighty: for he is lord of all these things, and hath dominion over them ; and whatsoever he commandeth them they do.

4 If he bid them make war the one against the other, they do it: if he send them out against the enemies, they go, and break down mountains, walls, and towers.

5 They slay and are slain, and transgress not the king's commandment: if they get the victory, they bring all to the king, as well the spoil, as all things else.

6 Likewise for those that are no soldiers, and have not to do with wars, but use husbandry, when they have reaped again that which they had sown, they bring it to the king, and compel one another to pay tribute unto the king.

7 And yet he is but one man: if he command to kill, they kill ; if he command to spare, they spare ;

8 If he command to smite, they smite ; if he command to make desolate, they

make desolate; if he command to build, they build;

9 If he command to cut down, they cut down; if he command to plant, they plant.

10 So all his people and his armies obey him: furthermore he lieth down, he eateth and drinketh, and taketh his rest:

|| Or, can.

11 And these keep watch round about him, neither || may any one depart, and do his own business, neither disobey they him in any thing.

12 O ye men, how should not the king be mightiest, when in such sort he is obeyed? And he held his tongue.

13 ¶ Then the third, who had spoken of women, and of the truth, (this was Zorobabel) began to speak.

† Heb.
is of force.

14 O ye men, it is not the great king, nor the multitude of men, neither is it wine, that † excelleth; who is it then that ruleth them, or hath the lordship over them? are they not women?

15 Women have borne the king and all the people that bear rule by sea and land.

16 Even of them came they: and they nourished them up that planted the vineyards, from whence the wine cometh.

17 These also make garments for men; these bring glory unto men; and without women cannot men be.

18 Yea, and if men have gathered together gold and silver, or any other goodly thing, do they not love a woman which is comely in favour and beauty?

19 And letting all those things go, do they not gape, and even with open mouth fix their eyes fast on her; and have not all men more desire unto her than unto silver or gold, or any goodly thing whatsoever?

* Gen. 2. 24.

20 * A man leaveth his own father that brought him up, and his own country, and cleaveth unto his wife.

21 He sticketh not to spend his life with his wife, and remembereth neither father, nor mother, nor country.

22 By this also ye must know that women have dominion over you: do ye not labour and toil, and give and bring all to the woman?

23 Yea, a man taketh his sword, and goeth his way to rob and to steal, to sail upon the sea and upon rivers;

24 And looketh upon a lion, and goeth in the darkness; and when he hath stolen, spoiled, and robbed, he bringeth it to his love.

25 Wherefore a man loveth his wife better than father or mother.

26 Yea, many there be that have || run out of their wits for women, and become servants for their sakes.

|| Or, grown desperate.

27 Many also have perished, have erred, and sinned, for women.

28 And now do ye not believe me? is not the king great in his power? do not all regions fear to touch him?

29 Yet did I see him and Apame the king's concubine, the daughter of the admirable || Bartacus, sitting at the right hand of the king,

|| Joseph. Antiq. lib. 11. cap. 3. Rabaces Themasus.

30 And taking the crown from the king's head, and setting it upon her own head; she also struck the king with her left hand.

31 And yet || for all this the king gaped and gazed upon her with open mouth: if she laughed upon him, he laughed also: but if she took any displeasure at him, the king was fain to flatter, that she might || be reconciled to him again.

|| Or, hercat.

32 O ye men, how can it be but women should be strong, seeing they do thus?

|| Or, be friends with him.

33 Then the king and the princes looked one upon another: so he began to speak of the truth.

34 O ye men, are not women strong? great is the earth, high is the heaven, swift is the sun in his course, for he compasseth the heavens round about, and fetcheth his course again to his own place in one day.

35 Is he not great that maketh these things? therefore great is the truth, and stronger than all things.

36 All the earth || calleth upon the truth, and the heaven blesseth it: all works shake and tremble at it, and with it is no unrighteous thing.

|| Or, praiseth the truth, Athanasius.

37 Wine is wicked, the king is wicked, women are wicked, all the children of men are wicked, and such are all their wicked works; and there is no truth in them; in their unrighteousness also they shall perish.

38 As for the truth, it endureth, and is always strong; it liveth and conquereth for evermore.

39 With her there is no accepting of persons or rewards; but she doeth the things that are just, and refraineth from all unjust and wicked things; and all men do well like of her works.

40 Neither in her judgment is any unrighteousness; and she is the strength, kingdom, power, and majesty, of all ages. Blessed be the God of truth.

41 And with that he held his peace. And all the people then shouted, and said, Great is Truth, and mighty above all things.

42 Then said the king unto him, Ask what thou wilt more than is appointed in the writing, and we will give it thee, because thou art found wisest; and thou shalt sit next me, and shalt be called my cousin.

43 Then said he unto the king, Remember thy vow, which thou hast vowed to build Jerusalem, in the day when thou camest to thy kingdom,

44 And to send away all the vessels that were taken away out of Jerusalem, which Cyrus set apart, when he vowed to destroy Babylon, and to send them again thither.

^b Ps. 137. 7.
Ezek. 25. 12.

45 Thou also hast vowed to build up the temple, ^b which the Edomites burned when Judea was made desolate by the Chaldees.

46 And now, O lord the king, this is that which I require, and which I desire of thee, and this is the princely liberality proceeding from thyself: I desire therefore that thou make good the vow, the performance whereof with thine own mouth thou hast vowed to the King of heaven.

47 Then Darius the king stood up, and kissed him, and wrote letters for him unto all the treasurers and lieutenants and captains and governors, that they should safely convey on their way both him, and all those that go up with him to build Jerusalem.

48 He wrote letters also unto the lieutenants that were in Celosyria and Phenice, and unto them in Libanus, that they should bring cedar wood from Libanus unto Jerusalem, and that they should build the city with him.

49 Moreover he wrote for all the Jews that went out of his realm up into Jewry, concerning their freedom,

that no officer, no ruler, no lieutenant, nor ^{||} treasurer, should forcibly enter ^{|| Or, steward.} into their doors;

50 And that all the country which they hold should be free without tribute; and that the Edomites should give over the villages of the Jews which then they held:

51 Yea, that there should be yearly given twenty talents to the building of the temple, until the time that it were built;

52 And other ten talents yearly, to maintain the burnt offerings upon the altar every day, as they had a commandment to offer seventeen:

53 And that all they that went from Babylon to build the city should have free liberty, as well they as their posterity, and all the priests that went away.

54 He wrote also concerning the charges, and the priests' vestments wherein they minister;

55 And likewise for the charges of the Levites, to be given them until the day that the house were finished, and Jerusalem builded up.

56 And he commanded to give to all that kept the city ^{||} pensions and wages. ^{|| Or, portions of land.}

57 He sent away also all the vessels from Babylon, that Cyrus had set apart; and all that Cyrus had given in commandment, the same charged he also to be done, and sent unto Jerusalem.

58 Now when this young man was gone forth, he lifted up his face to heaven toward Jerusalem, and praised the King of heaven,

59 And said, From thee cometh victory, from thee cometh wisdom, and thine is the glory, and I am thy servant.

60 Blessed art thou, who hast given me wisdom: for to thee I give thanks, O Lord of our fathers.

61 And so he took the letters, and went out, and came unto Babylon, and told it all his brethren.

62 And they praised the God of their fathers, because he had given them freedom and liberty

63 To go up, and to build Jerusalem, and the temple which is called by his name: and they feasted with instruments of musick and gladness seven days.

CHAP. V.

⁴ The names and number of the Jews that returned home. 50 The altar is set up in his place. 57 The foundation of the temple is laid. 73 The work is hindered for a time.

cir. 586.

AFTER this were the principal men of the families chosen according to their tribes, to go up with their wives and sons and daughters, with their menservants and maidservants, and their cattle.

² And Darius sent with them a thousand horsemen, till they had brought them back to Jerusalem safely, and with musical [instruments] tabrets and flutes.

³ And all their brethren played, and he made them go up together with them.

⁴ And these are the names of the men which went up, according to their families among their tribes, after their several heads.

⁵ The priests, the sons of Phinees the son of Aaron: Jesus the son of Josedec, the son of Saraias, and ^{||}Joachim the son of Zorobabel, the son of Salathiel, of the house of David, out of the kindred of Phares, of the tribe of Judah;

⁶ ^a Who spake wise sentences before Darius the king of Persia in the second year of his reign, in the month Nisan, which is the first month.

⁷ And these are they of Jewry that came up from the captivity, where they dwelt as strangers, whom Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon.

⁸ And they returned unto Jerusalem, and to the other parts of Jewry, every man to his own city, who came with Zorobabel, with Jesus, Nehemias, and ^b Zacharias, and Reesaias, Enenius, Mardocheus, Beelsarus, ^c Aspharasus, ^d Reelius, Roimus, and Baana, their guides.

⁹ The number of them of the nation, and their governors, sons of ^e Phoros, two thousand an hundred seventy and two; the sons of ^f Saphat, ^g four hundred seventy and two:

¹⁰ The sons of Ares, seven hundred fifty and six:

¹¹ The sons of Phaath Moab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve:

¹² The sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four: the sons of ^h Zathui, nine hundred forty and

five: the sons of ⁱ Corbe, seven hundred and five: the sons of Bani, six hundred forty and eight:

¹³ The sons of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three: the sons of ^k Sadas, three thousand two hundred twenty and two:

¹⁴ The sons of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and seven: the sons of ^l Bagoi, two thousand sixty and six: the sons of Adin, four hundred fifty and four:

¹⁵ The sons of ^m Aterezias, ninety and two: the sons of Ceilan and Azetas, threescore and seven: the sons of Azuran, four hundred thirty and two:

¹⁶ The sons of Ananias, an hundred and one: the sons of Arom, thirty two: and the sons of ⁿ Bassa, three hundred twenty and three: the sons of Aze-phurith, an hundred and two:

¹⁷ The sons of Meterus, three thousand and five: the sons of ^o Bethlomon, an hundred twenty and three:

¹⁸ They of Netophah, fifty and five: they of Anathoth, an hundred fifty and eight: they of ^p Bethsamos, forty and two:

¹⁹ They of ^q Kiriatharius, twenty and five: they of Caphira and Beroth, seven hundred forty and three: they of Pira, seven hundred:

²⁰ They of Chadias and Ammidoi, four hundred twenty and two: they of ^r Cirama and ^s Gabdes, six hundred twenty and one:

²¹ They of ^t Macalon, an hundred twenty and two: they of ^u Betolius, fifty and two: the sons of ^x Nephis, an hundred fifty and six:

²² The sons of ^y Calamolalus and Onus, seven hundred twenty and five: the sons of Jerechus, two hundred forty and five:

²³ The sons of ^z Annaas, three thousand three hundred and thirty.

²⁴ The priests: the sons of ^a Jeddu, the son of Jesus, among the sons of Sanasib, nine hundred seventy and two: the sons of ^b Meruth, a thousand fifty and two:

²⁵ The sons of ^c Phassaros, a thousand forty and seven: the sons of ^d Carme, a thousand and seventeen.

²⁶ The Levites: the sons of ^e Jessue, and Cadmiel, and Banuas, and Sudias, seventy and four.

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¹ Zaochai.

^k Asgar.

^l Bigul.

^m Ater-
hezakiah.

ⁿ Benai.

^o Bethlehem.

^p Asmaveth.

^q Kiriath-
jarim.

^r Rama.
^s Gaba.

^t Michmas.

^u Bethel.

^x Maghbis.

^y Lodhadid.

^z Senaah.

^a Jedaiah.

^b Immar.

^c Pashur.

^d Harim.

^e Or, two
hundred and
seventeen,
according to
some copies.

^f Thus it is
read, Ezra 2.
40, the sons
of Jessua,
and Cad-
miel, of the
sons of Ho-
daviash.

^{||} Joachim
and Zoro-
babel:
This place
is corrupt:
for Joachim
was the son
of Josedech,
Neh. 12. 10,
and not Zo-
robabel, who
was of the
tribe of Ju-
dah.

^a Zorobabel.

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^b Saraias.

^c Or,

Mispar.

^d Or,

Reelaiah.

^e Parosh,

Ezra 2. 3.

Neh. 7. 8.

where for

brevity look

for the true

numbers of

the particu-
lars follow-
ing: for here

they vary

much, and

the names

much more.

^f Shephatiah.

^g Or, three

hundred

seventy two.

^h Zattu.

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^g Shallum.

^h Ater.

ⁱ Akkub.

^k Hattita.

^l Shobai.

^m Zich.

ⁿ Husupha.

^o Keros.

^p Siah.

^q Padon.

^r Agaba.

^s Akkub.

^t Hagab.

^u Shamlai.

^x Giddel.

^y Gahar.

^z Reuiah.

^a Rezin.

^b Neodah.

^c Gazam.

^d Husza.

^e Paseuh.

^f Besai.

^g Asnah.

^h Meunim.

ⁱ Nephusin.

^k Bakbuk.

^l Hacupa.

^m Harhur.

ⁿ Bazluth.

^o Mehida.

^p Harsha.

^q Barcos.

^r Sisera.

^s Thamai.

^t Nemiuh.

^u Sophereth.

^x Peruda.

^y Jaalah.

^z Darcon.

^a Giddel.

^b Shephatiah.

^c Hatti.

^d Phocareth.

^e Hazzeabaim.

Ezra 2. 57.

27 The holy singers: the sons of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.

28 The porters: the sons of ^gSalum, the sons of ^hJatal, the sons of Talmon, the sons of ⁱDacobi, the sons of ^kTeta, the sons of ^lSami, in all an hundred thirty and nine.

29 The servants of the temple: the sons of ^mEsau, the sons of ⁿAsipha, the sons of Tabaoth, the sons of ^oCeras, the sons of ^pSud, the sons of ^qPhaleas, the sons of Labana, the sons of ^rGraba,

30 The sons of ^sAcua, the sons of Uta, the sons of ^tCetab, the sons of Agaba, the sons of ^uSubai, the sons of Anan, the sons of ^xCathua, the sons of ^yGeddur,

31 The sons of ^zAirus, the sons of ^aDaisan, the sons of ^bNoeba, the sons of Chaseba, the sons of ^cGazera, the sons of ^dAzia, the sons of ^ePhinees, the sons of Azara, the sons of ^fBastai, the sons of ^gAsana, the sons of ^hMeani, the sons of ⁱNaphisi, the sons of ^kAcub, the sons of ^lAcipha, the sons of ^mAssur, the sons of Pharacim, the sons of ⁿBasaloth,

32 The sons of ^oMeeda, the sons of Coutha, the sons of ^pCharea, the sons of ^qCharcus, the sons of ^rAserer, the sons of ^sThomoi, the sons of ^tNasith, the sons of Atipha.

33 The sons of the servants of Solomon: the sons of ^uAzaphion, the sons of ^xPharira, the sons of ^yJeeli, the sons of ^zLozon, the sons of ^aIsdael, the sons of ^bSapheth,

34 The sons of ^cHagia, the sons of ^dPhacareth, the sons of Sabi, the sons of Sarothie, the sons of Masias, the sons of Gar, the sons of Addus, the sons of Suba, the sons of Apherra, the sons of Barodis, the sons of Sabat, the sons of Allom.

35 All the ministers of the temple, and the sons of the servants of Solomon, were three hundred seventy and two.

36 These came up from Thermeleth and Thelersas, Charaathalar leading them, and Aalar;

37 Neither could they shew their families, nor their stock, how they were of Israel: the sons of ^cLadan, the son of ^fBan, the sons of ^gNecodan, six hundred fifty and two.

38 And of the priests that usurped

the office of the priesthood, and were not found: the sons of ^hObdia, the sons of ⁱAccoz, the sons of ^kAddus, who married Augia one of the daughters of Berzelus, and was named after his name.

39 And when the description of the kindred of these men was sought in the register, and was not found, they were removed from executing the office of the priesthood:

40 For unto them said ^{||} Nehemias and Atharias, that they should not be partakers of the holy things, till there arose up an high priest clothed with [†] doctrine and truth.

41 So of Israel, from them of twelve years old and upward, they were all in number forty thousand, beside menservants and womenservants two thousand three hundred and sixty.

42 Their ^lmenservants and handmaids were seven thousand three hundred forty and seven: the singing men and singing women, two hundred forty and five:

43 ^m Four hundred thirty and five camels, seven thousand thirty and six horses, two hundred forty and five mules, five thousand five hundred twenty and five ^{||} beasts used to the yoke.

44 And certain of the chief of their families, when they came to the temple of God that is in Jerusalem, vowed to set up the house again in his own place according to their ability,

45 And to give into the holy treasury of the works a thousand pounds of gold, five thousand of silver, and an hundred priestly vestments.

46 And so dwelt the priests and the Levites and the people in Jerusalem, and in the country, the singers also and the porters; and all Israel in their villages.

47 But when the seventh month was at hand, and when the children of Israel were every man in his own place, they came all together with one consent into the open place of the first ^{||} gate which is toward the east.

48 Then stood up Jesus the son of Josedec, and his brethren the priests, and Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and his brethren, and made ready the altar of the God of Israel,

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^h Hobajah.

ⁱ Cos.

^k Barzelai.

^{||} Nehemias,

who also is

Atharias:

two of one:

Ezra 2. 63.

Neh. 8. 9.

& 10. 1.

[†] Heb.

Urim and

Thummim.

^l See

Neh. 7. 67.

^m Ezra 2.

67.

^{||} asses.

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^{||} Or,

before the

east gate.

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49 To offer burnt sacrifices upon it, according as it is expressly commanded in the book of Moses the man of God.

50 And there were gathered unto them out of the other nations of the land, and they erected the altar upon his own place, because all the nations of the land were at enmity with them, and oppressed them; and they offered sacrifices according to the time, and burnt offerings to the Lord both morning and evening.

51 Also they held the feast of tabernacles, as it is commanded in the law, and offered sacrifices daily, as was meet:

|| Or, daily
sacrifice.

52 And after that, the || continual oblations, and the sacrifice of the sabbaths, and of the new moons, and of all holy feasts.

+ Gr.
hallowed.

53 And all they that had + made any vow to God began to offer sacrifices to God from the first day of the seventh month, although the temple of the Lord was not yet built.

54 And they gave unto the masons and carpenters money, meat, and drink, with cheerfulness.

55 Unto them of Zidon also and Tyre they gave carrs, that they should bring cedar trees from Libanus, which should be brought by floats to the haven of Joppe, according as it was commanded them by Cyrus king of the Persians.

56 And in the second year and second month after his coming to the temple of God at Jerusalem began Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and Jesus the son of Josedec, and their brethren, and the priests, and the Levites, and all they that were come unto Jerusalem out of the captivity:

57 And they laid the foundation of the house of God in the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come to Jewry and Jerusalem.

ⁿ See Ezra
3. 8, 9, &c.

58 ⁿ And they appointed the Levites from twenty years old over the works of the Lord. Then stood up Jesus, and his sons and brethren, and Cadmiel his brother, and the sons of Madiabun, with the sons of Joda the son of Eliadun, with their sons and brethren, all Levites, with one accord || setters forward of the business, labouring to advance the works in the house of God.

|| Or, overseers, or, encouragers of them that wrought in the house of the Lord.

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So the workmen built the temple of the Lord.

59 And the priests stood arrayed in their vestments with musical instruments and trumpets; and the Levites the sons of Asaph had cymbals,

60 Singing songs of thanksgiving, and praising the Lord, || according as David the king of Israel had ordained.

|| Or, after
the manner
of David
king of Is-
rael.

61 And they sung *with* loud voices songs to the praise of the Lord, because his mercy and glory is for ever in all Israel.

62 And all the people sounded trumpets, and shouted with a loud voice, singing songs of thanksgiving unto the Lord for the rearing up of the house of the Lord.

63 ^o Also of the priests and Levites, and of the chief of their families, the ancients who had seen the former house came to the building of this with weeping and great crying.

^o Ezra 3. 12,
13.

64 But many with trumpets and joy shouted with loud voice,

65 Insomuch that the trumpets might not be || heard for the weeping of the people: yet the multitude sounded marvellously, so that it was heard afar off.

|| Or,
discerned.

66 ^p Wherefore when the enemies of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin heard it, they came to know what that noise of trumpets should mean.

^p Ezra 4. 1,
&c.

67 And they perceived that they that were of the captivity did build the temple unto the Lord God of Israel.

68 So they went to Zorobabel and Jesus, and to the chief of the families, and said unto them, We will build together with you.

69 For we likewise, as ye, do obey your Lord, and do sacrifice unto him from the days of || Azbazareth the king of the Assyrians, who brought us hither.

|| Or, Esar-
haddon,
Ezra 4. 2.
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70 Then Zorobabel and Jesus and the chief of the families of Israel said unto them, It is not for us and you to build together an house unto the Lord our God.

71 We ourselves alone will build unto the Lord of Israel, according as Cyrus the king of the Persians hath commanded us.

72 But the heathen of the land lying heavy upon the inhabitants of Judea,

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and holding them strait, hindered their building;

73 And by their secret plots, and popular persuasions and commotions, they hindered the finishing of the building all the time that king Cyrus lived: so they were hindered from building for the space of two years, || until the reign of Darius.

|| Or, until the second year of Darius, Ezra 4. 5, 6, 7, 24.

CHAP. VI.

1 The prophets stir up the people to build the temple. 8 Darius is solicited to hinder it: 27 but he doth further it by all means, 32 and threateneth those that shall hinder it.

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a Ezra 4. 24.
& 5. 1, &c.
|| Or, Iddo.

NOW ^ain the second year of the reign of Darius Aggeus and Zacharias the son of || Addo, the prophets, prophesied unto the Jews in Jewry and Jerusalem in the name of the Lord God of Israel, || which was upon them.

|| Or, which was called on them.

2 Then stood up Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and Jesus the son of Josedec, and began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, the prophets of the Lord being with them, and helping them.

b Ezra 5. 3.

3 ^bAt the same time came unto them || Sisinnes the governor of Syria and Phenice, with || Sathrabuzanes and his companions, and said unto them,

|| Or, Tatnai.
|| Or, Sathrabuzanes.

4 By whose appointment do ye build this house and this roof, and perform all the other things? and who are the workmen that perform these things?

5 Nevertheless the elders of the Jews obtained favour, because the Lord had visited the captivity;

6 And they were not hindered from building, until such time as signification was given unto Darius concerning them, and an answer received.

cir. 519.

7 The copy of the letters which Sisinnes, governor of Syria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes, with their companions, rulers in Syria and Phenice, wrote and sent unto Darius; To king Darius, greeting:

8 Let all things be known unto our lord the king, that being come into the country of Judea, and entered into the city of Jerusalem, we found in the city of Jerusalem the ancients of the Jews that were of the captivity

9 Building an house unto the Lord, great and new, of hewn and costly stones, and the timber already laid up on the walls.

10 And those works are done with great speed, and the work goeth on prosperously in their hands, and with all glory and diligence is it made.

11 Then asked we these elders, saying, By whose commandment build ye this house, and lay the foundations of these works?

12 Therefore to the intent that we might give knowledge unto thee by writing, we demanded of them who were the chief doers, and we required of them the names in writing of their principal men.

13 So they gave us this answer, We are the servants of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

14 And as for this house, it was builded many years ago by a king of Israel great and strong, and was finished.

15 But when our fathers provoked God unto wrath, and sinned against the Lord of Israel which is in heaven, he gave them over into the power of Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon, of the Chaldees;

16 Who pulled down the house, and burned it, and carried away the people captives unto Babylon.

17 But in the first year that king Cyrus reigned over the country of Babylon Cyrus the king wrote to build up this house.

18 And the holy vessels of gold and of silver, that Nabuchodonosor had carried away out of the house at Jerusalem, and had set them in his own temple, those Cyrus the king brought forth again out of the temple at Babylon, and they were delivered to || Zorobabel and to Sanabassar the ruler,

|| Or, Zorobabel, which is also Sanabassar the ruler, so as Zorobabel seemeth to be added to the text, Ezra 1. 8.

19 With commandment that he should carry away the same vessels, and put them in the temple at Jerusalem; and that the temple of the Lord should be built in his place.

20 Then the same Sanabassar, being come hither, laid the foundations of the house of the Lord at Jerusalem; and from that time to this being still a building, it is not yet fully ended.

21 Now therefore, if it seem good unto the king, let search be made among the || records of king Cyrus:

|| Or, rolls.

22 And if it be found that the building of the house of the Lord at Jerusa-

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lem hath been done with the consent of king Cyrus, and if our lord the king be so minded, let him signify unto us thereof.

^c Ezra 6. 1,
&c.

23 ^c Then commanded king Darius to seek among the records at Babylon: and so at Ecbatana the palace, which is in the country of Media, there was found a || roll wherein these things were recorded.

|| Or, place.

24 In the first year of the reign of Cyrus king Cyrus commanded that the house of the Lord at Jerusalem should be built again, where they do sacrifice with continual fire:

25 Whose height shall be sixty cubits, and the breadth sixty cubits, with three rows of hewn stones, and one row of new wood of that country; and the expences thereof to be given out of the house of king Cyrus:

26 And that the holy vessels of the house of the Lord, both of gold and silver, that Nabuchodonosor took out of the house at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, should be restored to the house at Jerusalem, and be set in the place where they were before.

27 And also he commanded that Sisinnus the governor of Syria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes, and their companions, and those which were appointed rulers in Syria and Phenice, should be careful not to meddle with the place, but suffer Zorobabel, the servant of the Lord, and governor of Judea, and the elders of the Jews, to build the house of the Lord in that place.

28 I have commanded also to have it built up whole again; and that they look diligently to help those that be of the captivity of the Jews, till the house of the Lord be finished:

29 And out of the tribute of Celosyria and Phenice a portion carefully to be given these men for the sacrifices of the Lord, *that is*, to Zorobabel the governor, for bullocks, and rams, and lambs;

30 And also corn, salt, wine, and oil, and that continually every year without further question, according as the priests that be in Jerusalem shall signify to be daily spent:

|| Or, drink
offerings.

31 That || offerings may be made to the most high God for the king and for

his children, and that they may pray for their lives.

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32 And he commanded that whosoever should transgress, yea, or make light of any thing afore spoken or written, out of his own house should a tree be taken, and he thereon be hanged, and all his goods seized for the king.

33 The Lord therefore, whose name is there called upon, utterly destroy every king and nation, that stretcheth out his hand to hinder or endamage that house of the Lord in Jerusalem.

34 I Darius the king have ordained that according unto these things it be done with diligence.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Sisinnus and others help forward the building.* 5 *The temple is finished, and dedicated.* 10 *The passover is kept.*

THEN ^a Sisinnus the governor of ^a Celosyria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes, with their companions, following the commandments of king Darius,

^a Ezra 6. 13.

2 Did very carefully oversee the holy works, assisting the ancients of the Jews and governors of the temple.

3 And so the holy works prospered, when Aggeus and Zacharias the prophets prophesied.

4 And they finished these things by the commandment of the Lord God of Israel, and with || the consent of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes, kings of Persia.

|| Or, the
decrees.

5 And thus was the holy house finished in [†] the three and twentieth day of the month Adar, in the sixth year of Darius king of the Persians.

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[†] Heb. the
third day.
Ezra 6. 15.

6 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and others that were of the captivity, that were added unto them, did according to the things written in the book of Moses.

7 And to the dedication of the temple of the Lord they offered an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs;

8 And twelve goats for the sin of all Israel, according to the number of the || chief of the tribes of Israel.

|| Or, tribes.

9 The priests also and the Levites stood arrayed in their vestments, according to their [†] kindreds, in the service of the Lord God of Israel, according to

[†] Heb.
divisions.
Ezra 6. 18.

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|| Or,
with those
that, &c.

the book of Moses: and the porters at every gate.

10 And the children of Israel || that were of the captivity held the passover the fourteenth day of the first month, after that the priests and the Levites were sanctified.

11 They that were of the captivity were not all sanctified together: but the Levites were all sanctified together.

12 And so they offered the passover for all them of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

13 And the children of Israel that came out of the captivity did eat, even all they that had separated themselves from the abominations of the people of the land, and sought the Lord.

14 And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days, making merry before the Lord,

|| Or, mind.

15 For that he had turned the || counsel of the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands in the works of the Lord God of Israel.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Esdras bringeth the king's commission to build. 8 The copy of it. 28 He declareth the names and number of those that came with him, 61 and his journey. 71 He lamenteth the sins of his people, 96 and sweareth the priests to put away their strange wives.

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AND after these things, when Artaxerxes the king of the Persians reigned, came Esdras the son of Saraias, the son of ^aEzerias, the son of Helchiah, the son of Salum,

^a Azarias.

2 The son of Sadduc, the son of Achitob, the son of Amarias, the son of ^bEzias, the son of ^cMeremoth, the son of Zariaas, the son of ^dSavias, the son of Boccas, the son of Abisum, the son of Phinees, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron [†] the chief priest.

^b Ozias.

^c Meraioth.

^d Uzzi:

Some copies want these three names.

[†] Heb.

was first,
Ezra 7. 1.

3 This Esdras went up from Babylon, as a scribe, being very ready in the law of Moses, that was given by the God of Israel.

4 And the king did him honour: for he found grace in his sight in all his requests.

5 There went up with him also certain of the children of Israel, of the priests, of the Levites, of the holy singers, porters, and || ministers of the temple, unto Jerusalem,

|| Or,
Nethinims.
|| See Ezra
7. 7, 8, 9.

6 In || the seventh year of the reign

of Artaxerxes, in the fifth month, this was the king's seventh year; for they went from Babylon in the first day of the first month, and came to Jerusalem, according to the || prosperous journey which the Lord gave them.

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|| Or,
success.

7 For Esdras had very great skill, so that he omitted nothing of the law and commandments of the Lord, but taught all Israel the ordinances and judgments.

8 Now the copy of the || commission, which was written from Artaxerxes the king, and came to Esdras the priest and reader of the law of the Lord, is this that followeth;

|| Or, decree.

9 King Artaxerxes unto Esdras the priest and reader of the law of the Lord sendeth greeting:

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10 Having determined to deal graciously, I have given order, that such of the nation of the Jews, and of the priests and Levites, being within our realm, as are willing and desirous, should go with thee unto Jerusalem.

11 As many therefore as have a mind thereunto, let them depart with thee, as it hath seemed good both to me and my seven friends the counsellors;

12 That they may look unto the affairs of Judea and Jerusalem, agreeably to that which is in the law of the Lord;

13 And carry the gifts unto the Lord of Israel to Jerusalem, which I and my friends have vowed, and all the gold and silver that in the country of Babylon can be || found, to the Lord in Jerusalem,

|| Or, got.

14 With that also which is given of the people for the temple of the Lord their God at Jerusalem: and that silver and gold may be collected for bullocks, rams, and lambs, and things thereunto appertaining;

15 To the end that they may offer sacrifices unto the Lord upon the altar of the Lord their God, which is in Jerusalem.

16 And whatsoever thou and thy brethren will do || with the silver and gold, that do, according to the will of thy God.

|| Or, with
the rest of.
Ezra 7. 18.

17 And the holy vessels of the Lord, which are given thee for the use of the temple of thy God, which is in Je-

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rusalem, thou shalt set before thy God in Jerusalem.

18 And whatsoever thing else thou shalt remember for the use of the temple of thy God, thou shalt give it out of the king's treasury.

19 And I king Artaxerxes have also commanded the keepers of the treasures in Syria and Phenice, that whatsoever Esdras the priest and the reader of the law of the most high God shall send for, they should give it him with speed,

20 To the sum of an hundred talents of silver, likewise also of wheat even to an hundred || cors, and an hundred pieces of wine, and other things in abundance.

21 Let all things be performed after the law of God diligently unto the most high God, that wrath come not upon the kingdom of the king and his sons.

22 I command you also, that ye require no tax, nor any other imposition, of any of the priests, or Levites, or holy singers, or porters, or ministers of the temple, or of any that have doings in this temple, and that no man have authority to impose any thing upon them.

23 And thou, Esdras, according to the wisdom of God ordain judges and justices, that they may judge in all Syria and Phenice † all those that know the law of thy God; and those that know it not thou shalt teach.

24 And *whosoever shall transgress the law of thy God, and of the king, shall be punished diligently, whether it be by death, or other punishment, by penalty of money, or by imprisonment.

25 ¶ Then said Esdras the scribe, Blessed be the only Lord God of my fathers, who hath put these things into the heart of the king, to glorify his house that is in Jerusalem:

26 And hath honoured me in the sight of the king, and his counsellors, and all his friends and nobles.

27 Therefore was I encouraged by the help of the Lord my God, and gathered together men of Israel to go up with me.

28 And these are the chief according to their families and several dignities,

that went up with me from Babylon in the reign of king Artaxerxes:

29 Of the sons of Phinees, Gerson: of the sons of Ithamar, † Gamael: of the sons of David, ‡ Lettus † the son of Sechenias:

30 Of the sons of Pharez, Zacharias; and with him were counted an hundred and fifty men:

31 Of the sons of Pahath Moab, Eliaonias, the son of † Zariaas, and with him two hundred men:

32 † Of the sons of Zathoe, Sechenias the son of Jezelus, and with him three hundred men: of the sons of Adin, Obeth the son of Jonathan, and with him † two hundred and fifty men:

33 Of the sons of Elam, Josias son of † Gotholias, and with him seventy men:

34 Of the sons of Saphatias, † Zariaas son of Michael, and with him † three-score and ten men:

35 Of the sons of Joab, † Abadias son of † Jezelus, and with him two hundred and † twelve men:

36 † Of the sons of Banid, Assalimoth son of Josaphias, and with him an hundred and threescore men:

37 Of the sons of Babi, Zacharias son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight men:

38 Of the sons of † Astath, Johannes son of † Acatan, and with him an hundred and ten men:

39 Of the sons of Adonikam the last, and these are the names of them, Eliphalet, Jeuel, and † Samaias, and with them † seventy men:

40 Of the sons of † Bago, Uthi the son of Istalcurus, and with him seventy men.

41 And these I gathered together † to the river called Theras, where we pitched our tents three days: and then † I surveyed them.

42 But when I had found there none of the priests and Levites,

43 Then sent I unto Eleazar, and † Iduel, and † Masman,

44 And Alnathan, and Mamaias, and † Joribas, and Nathan, Eunatan, Zacharias, and Mosollamon, principal men and learned.

45 And I bade them that they should go unto † Saddeus the captain, † who was in the place of † the treasury:

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† Or, Daniel.

‡ Or, Chaltus.
h Ezra 8, 3,
of the sons
of Shech-
niah, of the
sons of Pa-
rosh.

† Zera-
chaiah.

‡ Or, of the
sons of She-
chaniah the
son of Ja-
haziel.

† Heb.
fifty men.

† Or,
Athaliah.

m Or,

Zebadiah.

n Or, four-

score men.

o Or,

Obadiah.

p Or, Jehiel.

q Or, eigh-

teen men.

r Or, of the

sons of She-

lomith the

son of Jo-

siphiah.

‡ Or, Azgad.

† Or, Catan.

u Or,

Shemaia.

x Or, sixty

men.

† Heb.

Bigvai.

y Or, to the

river called

Ahava,

Ezra 8. 15.

‡ Or, he

numbered

the people

and the

priests: but

found none

of the sons

of Levi.

‡ Or, Ariel.

b Or,

Shemaiah.

c Or, Jarib.

These men's

names with

their gene-

rations are

rightly dis-

tinguished,

Ezra 8. 16.

d Or, Idda.

e Or, of.

f Or,

Cariphia.

|| Or,
measures,
or, sals,
Ezra 7. 22.

† Heb. of
those that
know,
Ezra 7. 25.

* Ezra 7. 26.

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g Or, the
Nethinims
at the place
of Casiphia.

46 And commanded them that they should speak unto Daddeus, and to ^ghis brethren, and to the treasurers in that place, to send us such men as might execute the priests' office in the house of the Lord.

47 And by the mighty hand of our Lord they brought unto us skilful men of the sons of ^hMoli the son of Levi, the son of Israel, ⁱAsebebia, and his sons, and his brethren, who were eighteen.

48 ^k And Asebia, and Annuus, and Osaias his brother, of the sons of Chanuneus, and their sons, were twenty men.

49 And of the servants of the temple whom David had ordained, and the principal men for the service of the Levites, to wit, the servants of the temple, two hundred and twenty, the catalogue of whose names were shewed.

50 And there I ^{||} vowed a fast unto the young men before our Lord, to desire of him a prosperous journey both for us and them that were with us, for our children, and for the [†]cattle :

51 For I was ashamed to ask the king footmen, and horsemen, and conduct for safeguard against our adversaries.

52 For we had said unto the king, that the power of the Lord our God should be with them that seek him, to support them in all ways.

53 And again we besought our Lord as touching these things, and found him favourable unto us.

54 Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, ¹Esebias, and Assanias, and ten men of their brethren with them :

55 And I weighed them the gold, and the silver, and the holy vessels of the house of our Lord, which the king, and his council, and the princes, and all Israel, had given.

56 And when I had weighed it, I delivered unto them six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels of an hundred talents, and an hundred talents of gold,

57 And twenty golden vessels, and [†]twelve vessels of brass, even of fine brass, glittering like gold.

58 And I said unto them, Both ye are holy unto the Lord, and the vessels are holy, and the gold and the silver is

a vow unto the Lord, the Lord of our fathers.

59 Watch ye, and keep them till ye deliver them to the chief of the priests and Levites, and to the principal men of the families of Israel, in Jerusalem, into the chambers of the house of our God.

60 So the priests and the Levites, who had received the silver and the gold and the vessels, brought them unto Jerusalem, into the temple of the Lord.

61 And from the river Theras we departed the twelfth day of the first month, and came to Jerusalem by the mighty hand of our Lord, which was with us: and from the ^{||}beginning of our journey the Lord delivered us from every enemy, and *so* we came to Jerusalem.

62 And when we had been there three days, the gold and silver that was weighed was delivered in the house of our Lord on the fourth day ^{||}unto Mar-moth the priest the son of Iri.

63 And with him was Eleazar the son of Phinees, and with them were Josabad the son of Jesu and ^{||}Moeth the son of Sabban, Levites: all was *delivered* them by number and weight.

64 And all the weight of them was written up the same hour.

65 Moreover they that were come out of the captivity offered sacrifice unto the Lord God of Israel, even twelve bullocks for all Israel, fourscore and sixteen rams,

66 [†]Threescore and twelve lambs, goats for a peace offering, twelve; all of them a sacrifice to the Lord.

67 And they delivered the king's commandments unto the king's stewards, and to the governors of Celosyria and Phenice; and they honoured the people and the temple of God.

68 Now when these things were done, the rulers came unto me, and said,

69 The nation of Israel, the princes, the priests and Levites, have not put away from them the strange people of the land, nor the pollutions of the Gentiles, *to wit*, of the Canaanites, Hittites, Pheresites, Jebusites, and the Moabites, Egyptians, and Edomites.

70 ^m For both they and their sons ^m Ezra 9. 2.

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^{||} Or,
dangers in
the way.

^{||} Or,
unto Meri-
moth the son
of Uriah the
priest.

^{||} Or,
Noadiah
the son of
Binnui.

[†] Heb.
Seventy-
seven lambs,
twelve he
goats for a
sin offering,
Ezra 8. 35.

^h Or,
Machli.
ⁱ Or,
Sherobiah,
Ezra 8. 18.
^k Or, Also
Hashabiah,
and with
him Jeshai-
ah of the
sons of Me-
rari with
his brethren,
Ezra 8. 19.

^{||} Or,
proclaimed.

[†] Heb.
substance.

¹ Serebias,
and Hassi-
bias.

[†] Heb.
two vessels,
Ezra 8. 27.

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have married with their daughters, and the holy seed is mixed with the strange people of the land; and from the beginning of this matter the rulers and the great men have been partakers of this iniquity.

71 And as soon as I had heard these things, I rent my clothes, and the holy garment, and pulled off the hair from off my head and beard, and sat me down sad and very heavy.

72 So all they that were then moved at the word of the Lord God of Israel assembled unto me, whilst I mourned for the iniquity: but I sat still full of heaviness until the evening sacrifice.

73 Then rising up from the fast with my clothes and the holy garment rent, and bowing my knees, and stretching forth my hands unto the Lord,

74 I said, O Lord, I am confounded and ashamed before thy face;

|| Or, have
abounded.

75 For our sins || are multiplied above our heads, and our ignorances have reached up unto heaven.

76 For ever since the time of our fathers we *have been* and are in great sin, even unto this day.

77 And for our sins and our fathers' we with our brethren and our kings and our priests were given up unto the kings of the earth, to the sword, and to captivity, and for a prey with shame, unto this day.

78 And now in some measure hath mercy been shewed unto us from thee, O Lord, that there should be left us a root and a name in the place of thy sanctuary;

+ Heb. life,
Ezra 9. 11.

79 And to discover unto us a light in the house of the Lord our God, and to give us † food in the time of our servitude.

80 Yea, when we were in bondage, we were not forsaken of our Lord; but he made us gracious before the kings of Persia, so that they gave us food;

81 Yea, and honoured the temple of our Lord, and raised up the desolate Sion, that they have given us a sure abiding in Jewry and Jerusalem.

82 And now, O Lord, what shall we say, having these things? for we have transgressed thy commandments, which thou gavest by the hand of thy servants the prophets, saying,

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83 That the land, which ye enter into to possess as an heritage, is a land polluted with the pollutions of the strangers of the land, and they have filled it with their uncleanness.

84 Therefore now shall ye not join your daughters unto their sons, neither shall ye take their daughters unto your sons.

85 Moreover ye shall never seek to have peace with them, that ye may be strong, and eat the good things of the land, and that ye may leave the inheritance of the land unto your children for evermore.

86 And all that is befallen is done unto us for our wicked works and great sins: for thou, O Lord, didst make our sins light,

87 And didst give unto us such a root: but we have turned back again to transgress thy law, and to mingle ourselves with the uncleanness of the nations of the land.

88 || Mightest not thou be angry with us to destroy us, till thou hadst left us neither root, seed, nor name? || Or, Be not angry, &c.

89 O Lord of Israel, thou art true: for we are left a root this day.

90 Behold, now are we before thee in our iniquities, for we cannot stand any longer by reason of these things before thee.

91 † And as Esdras in his prayer made his confession, weeping, and lying flat upon the ground before the temple, there gathered unto him from Jerusalem a very great multitude of men and women and children: for there was great weeping among the multitude. ^{n Ezra 10. 1.}

92 Then Jechonias the son of Jeelus, one of the sons of Israel, called out, and said, O Esdras, we have sinned against the Lord God, we have married strange women of the nations of the land, and now is all Israel || aloft.

|| Or,
exalted,
Deut. 28. 13.
Baruch 2. 5.

93 Let us make an oath to the Lord, that we will put away all our wives, which we have taken of the heathen, with their children,

94 Like as thou hast decreed, and as many as do obey the law of the Lord.

95 Arise, and put in execution: for to thee doth this matter appertain, and we will be with thee: do valiantly.

96 So Esdras arose, and took an oath

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† Heb. and
all Israel,
Ezra 10. 5.

of the chief of the priests and Levites
† of all Israel to do after these things;
and so they sware.

CHAP. IX.

3 Esdras assembleth all the people. 10 They promise to
put away the strange wives. 20 The names and number
of them that did so. 40 The law of Moses is read and
declared before all the people. 49 They weep, and are
put in mind of the feast day.

• Ezra 10.
6, &c.

THEN Esdras rising from the court
of the temple went to the cham-
ber of Joanan the son of Eliasib,

2 And remained there, and did eat
no meat nor drink water, mourning
for the great iniquities of the multi-
tude.

3 And there was a proclamation in
all Jewry and Jerusalem to all them
that were of the captivity, that they
should be gathered together at Jeru-
salem :

4 And that whosoever met not there
within two or three days, according
as the elders that bare rule appointed,
their cattle should be seized to the use
of the temple, and himself || cast out
from them that were of the captivity.

|| utterly
destroyed,
Josh. 10. 28.

5 And in three days were all they
of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin ga-
thered together at Jerusalem the twen-
tieth day of the ninth month.

6 And all the multitude sat trem-
bling in the broad court of the temple
because of the present foul weather.

7 So Esdras arose up, and said unto
them, Ye have transgressed the law in
marrying strange wives, thereby to in-
crease the sins of Israel.

8 And now by confessing give glory
unto the Lord God of our fathers,

9 And do his will, and separate your-
selves from the heathen of the land,
and from the strange women.

10 Then cried the whole multitude,
and said with a loud voice, Like as
thou hast spoken, so will we do.

11 But forasmuch as the people are
many, and it is foul weather, so that
we cannot stand without, and this is
not a work of a day or two, seeing our
sin in these things is spread far :

12 Therefore let the rulers of the
multitude || stay, and let all them of
our habitations that have strange wives
come at the time appointed,

|| Or, stand.

13 And with them the rulers and

judges of every place, till we turn away
the wrath of the Lord from us for this
matter.

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14 Then Jonathan the son of Azael
and Ezechias the son of Theocanus ac-
cordingly took this matter upon them :
and Mosollam and Levis and Sabba-
theus helped them.

15 And they that were of the capti-
vity did according to all these things.

16 And Esdras the priest chose unto
him the principal men of their fami-
lies, all by name : and in the first day
of the tenth month they sat together
to examine the matter.

17 So their cause that held strange
wives was brought to an end in the
first day of the first month.

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18 And of the priests that were come
together, and had strange wives, there
were found ;

19 Of the sons of Jesus the son of
Josedece, and his brethren ; ^b Mattheas,
and Eleazar, and ^c Joribus, and ^d Joa-
danus.

^b Or,
Maasias.
^c Or, Jarib.
^d Or,
Gedaliah.

20 And they gave their hands to put
away their wives, and to offer [†]rams to
make reconciliation for their ^e errors.

[†] Heb.
a ram.
^e Or,
purification.

21 And of the sons of Emmer ; Ana-
nias, and Zabdeus, and ^f Eanes, and ^g Sa-
meius, and ^h Hiereel, and ⁱ Azarias.

^f Harim.
^g Maasiah.
^h Jehiel.
ⁱ Uziah.
^k Pashur.

22 And of the sons of ^k Phaisur ; E-
lionas, Massias, Ismael, and Nathanael,
and ^l Ocidelus, and ^m Talsas.

^l Josabad.
^m Elasah.

23 And of the Levites ; Jozabad, and
Semis, and ⁿ Colius, who was called
^o Calitas, and ^p Patheus, and Judas, and
Jonas.

ⁿ Kelaiah.
^o Kelitah.
^p Pethahiah.

24 Of the holy singers ; ^q Eleazurus,
Bacchurus.

^q Eliashib.

25 Of the porters ; Sallumus, and
^r Tolbanes.

^r Telem.

26 Of them of Israel, of the sons of
^s Phoros ; ^t Hiermas, and ^u Eddias, and
Melchias, and ^w Maelus, and Eleazar,
and ^x Asibias, and Baanias.

^s Parosh.
^t Ramiah.
^u Jesiah.
^w Miamin.
^x Malchiah.

27 Of the sons of Ela ; Matthanias,
Zacharias, and ^y Hierielus, and Hiere-
moth, and ^z Aedias.

^y Jehiel.
^z Abdi.

28 And of the sons of ^a Zamoth ; ^b E-
liadas, ^c Elisimus, ^d Othonias, Jarimoth,
and ^e Sabatus, and ^f Sardeus.

^a Zattu.
^b Elioenai.
^c Eliashib.
^d Mattaniah.

29 Of the sons of Bebai ; Johannes,
and Ananias, and ^g Josabad, and ^h Ama-
theis.

^e Zabad.
^f Ariso.
^g Zabbai.
^h Athlai.

30 Of the sons of ⁱ Mani ; ^k Olamus,

ⁱ Beni.
^k Meshullam.

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¹ Malluch.
^m Adaiah.
ⁿ Sheal.
[†] Of the
names in
ver. 31, 32,
34, 35, see
Exra 10. 30,
31, 34, &c.

^o Mattenai.

^p Mattithiah.
^q Zabad.

¹ Mamuchus, ^m Jedeus, Jasubus, ⁿ Jasael, and Hieremoth.

31 [†] And of the sons of Addi; Naathus, and Moosias, Lacunus, and Naidus, and Mathanias, and Sesthel, Balnuus, and Manasseas.

32 And of the sons of Annas; Elionas, and Aseas, and Melchias, and Sabbeus, and Simon Chosameus.

33 And of the sons of Asom; ^o Altaneus, and ^p Matthias, and ^q Bannaia, Eliphalat, and Manasses, and Semei.

34 And of the sons of Maani; Jere-mias, Momdis, Omaerus, Juel, Mabdai, and Pelias, and Anos, Carabasion, and Enasibus, and Mamnitanaimus, Eliasias, Bannus, Eliali, Samis, Selemias, Natha-nias: and of the sons of Ozora; Sesis, Esril, Azaelus, Samatus, Zambis, Jose-phus.

35 And of the sons of Ethma; Mazi-tias, Zabadaias, Edes, Juel, Banaias.

36 All these had taken strange wives, and they put them away with their children.

37 And the priests and Levites, and they that were of Israel, dwelt in Jeru-salem, and in the country, in the first day of the seventh month: so the chil-dren of Israel were in their || habita-tions.

38 ^r And the whole multitude came together with one accord into the broad place of the holy porch toward the east:

39 And they spake unto Esdras the priest and reader, that he would bring the law of Moses, that was given of the Lord God of Israel.

40 So Esdras the chief priest brought the law unto the whole multitude from man to woman, and to all the priests, to hear the law in the first day of the seventh month.

41 And he read in the broad court before the holy porch from morning unto midday, before both men and wo-men; and all the multitude gave heed unto the law.

42 And Esdras the priest and reader

of the law stood up upon a pulpit of wood, which was made *for that purpose*.

43 And there stood up by him Matta-thias, Sammus, Ananias, Azarias, Urias, ^a Ezecias, ^t Balasamus, upon the right hand:

44 And upon his left hand stood ^u Phaldaius, Misael, Melchias, ^x Lotha-subus, and ^y Nabarias.

45 Then took Esdras the book of the law before the multitude: for he sat [†] honourably in the first place in the sight of them all.

46 And when he opened the law, they stood all straight up. So Esdras blessed the Lord God most High, the God of hosts, Almighty.

47 And all the people answered, A-men; and lifting up their hands they fell to the ground, and worshipped the Lord.

48 Also Jesus, Anus, Sarabias, Adinus, Jacobus, Sabateas, ^z Auteas, Maianeas, and Calitas, Azarias, and Joazabdus, and Ananias, Biatas, the Levites, taught the law of the Lord, making them withal to understand it.

49 || Then spake Attharates unto Es-dras the chief priest and reader, and to the Levites that taught the multitude, even to all, saying,

50 This day is holy unto the Lord; (for they all wept when they heard the law:)

51 ^a Go then, and eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send part to || them that have nothing;

52 For this day is holy unto the Lord: and be not sorrowful; for the Lord will bring you to honour.

53 So the Levites published all things to the people, saying, This day is holy to the Lord; be not sorrowful.

54 Then went they their way, every one to eat and drink, and make merry, and to give part to them that had no-thing, and to make great cheer;

55 Because they understood the words wherein they were instructed, and for the which they had been assembled.

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^a Or,
Hulkiah.

^t Or,
Maasiah.

^u Or,
Pedaiah.

^x Or,
Hashum.

^y See
Neh. 8. 4.

[†] Heb.
above them
all.

^a Or,
Hodijah.

|| Then Ne-hemiah, and Esra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that instruct-ed the people, said unto all the people, Neh. 8. 9.

^a Neh. 8. 10.

|| Or,
the poor.

|| Or,
villages.

^r Neh. 8. 1.
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II. E S D R A S.

CHAP. I.

¹ Esdras is commanded to reprove the people. ²⁴ God threateneth to cast them off; ³⁵ and to give their houses to a people of more grace than they.

^a Ezra 7. 1.

^{||} Or, Shallum.

THE second book of the prophet ^a Esdras, the son of Saraias, the son of Azarias, the son of Helchias, the son of ^{||} Sadamias, the son of Sadoc, the son of Achitob,

² The son of Achias, the son of Phinees, the son of Heli, the son of Amarias, the son of Aziei, the son of Marimoth, the son of Arna, the son of Ozias, the son of Borith, the son of Abisei, the son of Phinees, the son of Eleazar,

³ The son of Aaron, of the tribe of Levi; which was captive in the land of the Medes, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of the Persians.

⁴ And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

^b Is. 58. 1.

⁵ Go thy way, and ^b shew my people their sinful deeds, and their children their wickedness which they have done against me; that they may tell their children's children:

⁶ Because the sins of their fathers are increased in them: for they have forgotten me, and have offered unto strange gods.

⁷ Am not I even he that brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage? but they have provoked me unto wrath, and despised my counsels.

⁸ Pull thou off then the hair of thy head, and cast all evil upon them, for they have not been obedient unto my law, but it is a rebellious people.

⁹ How long shall I forbear them, unto whom I have done so much good?

^c Ex. 14. 28.

¹⁰ Many kings have I destroyed for their sakes; ^c Pharaoh with his servants and all his power have I smitten down.

^d Num. 21. 24. Josh. 8, & 10, & 12.

¹¹ ^d All the nations have I destroyed before them, and in the east I have scattered the people of two provinces, even of Tyrus and Sidon, and have slain all their enemies.

¹² Speak thou therefore unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord,

^e Ex. 14. 29.

¹³ ^e I led you through the sea, and

in the beginning gave you a large and safe ^{||} passage; ^f I gave you Moses for a leader, and Aaron for a priest. ^{||} Or, street. ^f Ex. 3. 10. & 4. 14. ^g Ex. 13. 21.

¹⁴ ^g I gave you light in a pillar of fire, and great wonders have I done among you; yet have ye forgotten me, saith the Lord.

¹⁵ Thus saith the Almighty Lord, The ^h quails were as a token to you; I gave you tents for your safeguard: nevertheless ye murmured there, ^h Ex. 16. 13. Ps. 105. 40.

¹⁶ And triumphed not in my name for the destruction of your enemies, but ever to this day do ye yet murmur.

¹⁷ Where are the benefits that I have done for you? when ye were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness, ⁱ did ye ⁱ Num. 14. 3. not cry unto me,

¹⁸ Saying, Why hast thou brought us into this wilderness to kill us? it had been better for us to have served the Egyptians, than to die in this wilderness.

¹⁹ Then had I pity upon your mournings, and gave you manna to eat; ^k so ye did eat angels' bread. ^k Wisd. 16. 20.

²⁰ ^l When ye were thirsty, did I not cleave the rock, and waters flowed out ^{||} to your fill? for the heat I covered you with the leaves of the trees. ^l Num. 20. 11. Wisd. 11. 4. ^{||} Or, abundantly.

²¹ I divided among you a fruitful land, I cast out the Canaanites, the Pherezites, and the Philistines, before you: ^m what shall I yet do more for you? saith the Lord. ^m Isai. 5. 4.

²² Thus saith the Almighty Lord, When ye were in the wilderness, ^{||} in the river of the Amorites, being athirst, and blaspheming my name, ^{||} Or, at the bitter waters, or, waters of Marah, Ex. 15. 23, 25.

²³ I gave you not fire for your blasphemies, but cast a tree in the water, and made the river sweet.

²⁴ What shall I do unto thee, O Jacob? thou, ⁿ Juda, wouldest not obey me: I will turn me to other nations, and unto those will I give my name, that they may keep my statutes. ⁿ Ex. 32. 8.

²⁵ Seeing ye have forsaken me, I will forsake you also; when ye desire me to be gracious unto you, I shall have no mercy upon you.

²⁶ ^o Whensoever ye shall call upon ^o Isai. 1. 15.

me, I will not hear you: for ye have defiled your hands with blood, and your feet are swift to commit manslaughter.

27 Ye have not as it were forsaken me, but your own selves, saith the Lord.

28 Thus saith the Almighty Lord, Have I not prayed you as a father his sons, as a mother her daughters, and a nurse her young babes,

|| Or, as I
am your
God.

29 That ye would be my people, || and I should be your God; that ye would be my children, and I should be your father?

p Matt. 23.
37.

30 ^p I gathered you together, as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings: but now, what shall I do unto you? I will cast you out from my face.

q Isai. 1. 13,
14.

31 ^q When ye offer unto me, I will turn my face from you: for your solemn feasts, your new moons, and your circumcisions, have I forsaken.

32 I sent unto you my servants the prophets, whom ye have taken and slain, and torn their bodies in pieces, whose blood I will require of your hands, saith the Lord.

r Mat. 23. 38.
Luke 13. 35.

33 Thus saith the Almighty Lord, ^r Your house is desolate, I will cast you out as the wind doth stubble.

34 And your children shall not be fruitful; for they have despised my commandment, and done the thing that is evil before me.

35 Your houses will I give to a people that shall come; which not having heard of me yet shall believe me; to whom I have shewed no signs, yet they shall do that I have commanded them.

36 They have seen no prophets, yet they shall call their sins to remembrance, and acknowledge them.

s John 20.
29.

37 I take to witness the grace of the people to come, whose little ones rejoice in gladness: and ^s though they have not seen me with bodily eyes, yet in spirit they believe the thing that I say.

38 And now, brother, behold what glory; and see the people that come from the east:

39 Unto whom I will give for leaders, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Oseas, Amos, and Micheas, Joel, Abdias, and Jonas,

t Mal. 3. 1.

40 Nahum, and Abacuc, Sophonias, Aggeus, Zachary, and Malachy, which is called also an ^t angel of the Lord.

CHAP. II.

¹ God complaineth of his people: ¹⁰ yet Esdras is willed to comfort them. ³⁴ Because they refused, the Gentiles are called. ⁴³ Esdras seeth the Son of God, and those that are crowned by him.

THUS saith the Lord, I brought this people out of bondage, and I gave them my commandments by my servants the prophets; whom they would not hear, but despised my counsels.

² The mother that bare them saith unto them, Go your way, ye children; for I am a widow and forsaken.

³ I brought you up with gladness; but with sorrow and heaviness have I lost you: for ye have sinned before the Lord your God, and done that thing that is evil before him.

⁴ But what shall I now do unto you? I am a widow and forsaken: go your way, O my children, and ask mercy of the Lord.

⁵ As for me, O father, I call upon thee for a witness over the mother of these children, which would not keep my covenant,

⁶ That thou bring them to confusion, and their mother to a spoil, that there may be no offspring of them.

⁷ Let them be scattered abroad among the heathen, let their names be put out of the earth: for they have despised my ^{||} covenant.

|| Or,
sacrament,
or, oath.

⁸ Woe be unto thee, Assur, thou that hidest the unrighteous in thee! O thou wicked people, remember ^a what I did unto Sodom and Gomorrha;

^a Gen. 19. 24.

⁹ Whose land lieth in clods of pitch and heaps of ashes: even so also will I do unto them that hear me not, saith the Almighty Lord.

¹⁰ Thus saith the Lord unto Esdras, Tell my people that I will give them the kingdom of Jerusalem, which I would have given unto Israel.

¹¹ Their glory also will I take unto me, and give these ^b the everlasting tabernacles, which I had prepared for them.

^b Luke 16. 9.

¹² They shall have ^c the tree of life for an ointment of sweet savour; they shall neither labour, nor be weary.

^c Rev. 2. 7.
& 22. 2, 14.

¹³ Go, and ye shall receive: pray for few days unto you, that they may be shortened: ^d the kingdom is already prepared for you: ^e watch.

^d Matt. 25.
34.

^e Mark 13.
37.

¹⁴ Take heaven and earth to witness;

for I have broken the evil in pieces, and created the good: for I live, saith the Lord.

15 Mother, embrace thy children, and || bring them up with gladness, make their feet as fast as a pillar: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord.

|| Or, bring them up with gladness, as a dove make their feet fast: for, &c.

16 And those that be dead will I raise up again from their places, and bring them out of the graves: for I have known || my name in Israel.

|| Or, thy name, O Israel.

17 Fear not, thou mother of the children: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord.

18 For thy help will I send my servants Esay and Jeremy, after whose counsel I have sanctified and prepared for thee twelve trees laden with divers fruits,

19 And as many fountains flowing with milk and honey, and seven mighty mountains, whereupon there grow roses and lilies, whereby I will fill thy children with joy.

20 Do right to the widow, judge for the fatherless, give to the poor, defend the orphan, clothe the naked,

21 Heal the broken and the weak, laugh not a lame man to scorn, defend the maimed, and let the blind man come into the sight of my clearness.

22 Keep the old and young within thy walls.

23 ^f Wheresoever thou findest the dead, [†] take them and bury them, and I will give thee the first place in my resurrection.

^f Tobit 1. 17, 18.
[†] signing bury them.

24 Abide still, O my people, and take thy rest, for thy quietness shall come.

25 Nourish thy children, O thou good nurse; stablish their feet.

^g John 17. 12.

26 ^g As for the servants whom I have given thee, there shall not one of them perish; for I will require them from among thy number.

27 Be not weary: for when the day of trouble and heaviness cometh, others shall weep and be sorrowful, but thou shalt be merry and have abundance.

28 The heathen shall envy thee, but they shall be able to do nothing against thee, saith the Lord.

29 My hands shall cover thee, so that thy children shall not see hell.

30 Be joyful, O thou mother, with

thy children; for I will deliver thee, saith the Lord.

31 Remember thy children that sleep, for I shall bring them out of the sides of the earth, and shew mercy unto them: for I am merciful, saith the Lord Almighty.

32 Embrace thy children until I come and || shew mercy unto them: for my wells run over, and my grace shall not fail.

|| Or, preach.

33 I Esdras received a charge of the Lord upon the mount Oreb, that I should go unto Israel; but when I came unto them, they set me at nought, and despised the commandment of the Lord.

34 And therefore I say unto you, O ye heathen, that hear and understand, look for your Shepherd, he shall give you ^h everlasting rest; for he is nigh at hand, that shall come in the end of the world. ^h Matt. 11. 29.

35 Be ready to the reward of the kingdom, for the everlasting light shall shine upon you for evermore.

36 Flee ⁱ the shadow of this world, receive the joyfulness of your glory: I testify my Saviour openly. ⁱ 1 Cor. 7. 31.

37 O receive the gift that is given you, and be glad, giving thanks unto him that hath called you to the heavenly kingdom.

38 Arise up and stand, behold ^k the number of those that be sealed || in ^k Rev. 7. 3, 4.
^l the feast of the Lord; ^l Or, for. ^l Matt. 22. 1, &c.

39 Which are departed from the shadow of the world, and ^m have received glorious garments of the Lord. ^m Rev. 19. 9. ^m Rev. 3. 4. & 7. 14.

40 Take thy number, O Sion, and [†] shut up those of thine that are clothed in white, which have fulfilled the law of the Lord. [†] Lat. conclude.

41 ⁿ The number of thy children, whom thou longedst for, is fulfilled: beseech the power of the Lord, that thy people, which have been called from the beginning, may be hallowed. ⁿ Rev. 6. 11.

42 ^o I Esdras saw upon the mount Sion a great people, whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs. ^o Rev. 7. 9.

43 And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, and upon every one of their heads he set crowns, and

was more exalted; which I marvelled at greatly.

^p Rev. 7. 14. 44 So ^p I asked the angel, and said,
^{||} Or, Lord. || Sir, what are these?

45 He answered and said unto me, These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God: now are they crowned, and receive palms.

46 Then said I unto the angel, What young person is it that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands?

^q Rev. 2. 10. 47 So he answered and said unto me, It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world. Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of the Lord.

48 Then the angel said unto me, Go thy way, and tell my people what manner of things, and how great wonders of the Lord thy God, thou hast seen.

CHAP. III.

¹ Esdras is troubled, 13 and acknowledgeth the sins of the people: 28 yet complaineth that the heathen were lords over them, being more wicked than they.

IN the thirtieth year after the ruin of the city I was in Babylon, and lay troubled upon my bed, and my thoughts came up over my heart:

2 For I saw the desolation of Sion, and the wealth of them that dwelt at Babylon.

3 And my spirit was sore moved, so that I began to speak words full of fear to the most High, and said,

4 O Lord, who bearest rule, thou spakest at the beginning, when thou didst plant the earth, and that thyself alone, and commandedst the people,

^a Gen. 2. 7. 5 ^a And gavest a body unto Adam without soul, which was the workmanship of thine hands, and didst breathe into him the breath of life, and he was made living before thee.

6 And thou leddest him into paradise, which thy right hand had planted, before ever the earth came forward.

7 And unto him thou gavest commandment to love thy way: which he transgressed, and immediately thou appointedst death in him and in his generations, of whom came nations, tribes, people, and kindreds, out of number.

^b Gen. 6. 12. 8 ^b And every people walked after their own will, and did wonderful things

before thee, and despised thy commandments.

9 ^c And again in process of time thou ^c Gen. 7. 10. broughtest the flood upon those that dwelt in the world, and destroyedst them.

10 And it came to pass in every of them, that as death was to Adam, so was the flood to these.

11 Nevertheless one of them thou leftest, namely, ^d Noah with his household, of whom came all righteous men. ^d 1 Pet. 3. 20.

12 And it happened, that when they that dwelt upon the earth began to multiply, and had gotten them many children, and were a great people, they began again to be more ungodly than the first.

13 Now when they lived so wickedly before thee, ^e thou didst choose thee a ^e Gen. 12. 1. man from among them, whose name was ^f Abraham. ^f Gen. 17. 5.

14 Him thou lovedst, and unto him only thou shewedst thy will:

15 And madest an everlasting covenant with him, promising him that thou wouldest never forsake his seed.

16 ^g And unto him thou gavest Isaac, ^g Gen. 21. 2, 3. and ^h unto Isaac also thou gavest Jacob and Esau. As for Jacob, thou ⁱ didst ^h Gen. 25. 25, 26. choose him to thee, and put by Esau: ⁱ Mal. 1. 2, 3. Rom. 9. 13.

and so Jacob became a great multitude. 17 And it came to pass, that when thou leddest his seed out of Egypt, ^k thou broughtest them up to the mount ^k Ex. 19. 1. Deut. 4. 10. Sinai.

18 And bowing the heavens, thou didst set fast the earth, movedst the whole world, and madest the depths to tremble, and troubledst the men of that age.

19 And thy glory went through four gates, of fire, and of earthquake, and of wind, and of cold; that thou mightest give the law unto the seed of Jacob, ^{||} and diligence unto the generation of Israel. ^{||} Or, and to all the generation of Israel, that they should keep it with diligence.

20 And yet tookest thou not away from them a wicked heart, that thy law might bring forth fruit in them.

21 For the first Adam bearing a wicked heart transgressed, and was overcome; and so be all they that are born of him.

22 Thus ^l infirmity was made permanent; and the law (also) in the heart ^l Rom. 7. 8. &c.

of the people with the malignity of the root; so that the good departed away, and the evil abode still.

^{m 1 Sam. 16. 13.} 23 So the times passed away, and the years were brought to an end: ^m then didst thou raise thee up a servant, called David:

^{n 2 Sam. 5. 2. & 7. 5, 13.} 24 ⁿ Whom thou commandedst to build a city unto thy name, and to offer incense and oblations unto thee therein.

25 When this was done many years, then they that inhabited the city forsook thee,

26 And in all things did even as Adam and all his generations had done: for they also had a wicked heart:

27 And so thou gavest thy city over into the hands of thine enemies.

28 Are their deeds then any better that inhabit Babylon, that they should therefore have the dominion over Sion?

29 For when I came thither, and had seen impieties without number, then my soul saw many evildoers in this thirtieth year, so that my heart failed me.

30 For I have seen how thou sufferest them sinning, and hast spared wicked doers: and hast destroyed thy people, and hast preserved thine enemies, and hast not signified it.

^{|| Or, I conceive.} 31 ^{||} I do not remember how this way may be left: Are they then of Babylon better than they of Sion?

32 Or is there any other people that knoweth thee beside Israel? or what generation hath so believed thy covenants as Jacob?

^{|| Or, abound.} 33 And yet their reward appeareth not, and their labour hath no fruit: for I have gone here and there through the heathen, and I see that they ^{||} flow in wealth, and think not upon thy commandments.

34 Weigh thou therefore our wickedness now in the balance, and their's also that dwell in the world; and so shall thy name no where be found but in Israel.

35 Or when was it that they which dwell upon the earth have not sinned in thy sight? or what people have so kept thy commandments?

36 Thou shalt find that Israel by name hath kept thy precepts; but not the heathen.

CHAP. IV.

¹ The angel declareth the ignorance of Esdras in God's judgments, 13 and adviseth him not to meddle with things above his reach. 23 Nevertheless Esdras asketh divers questions, and receiveth answers to them.

AND the angel that was sent unto me, whose name was Uriel, gave me an answer,

2 And said, Thy heart hath gone too far in this world, and thinkest thou to comprehend the way of the most High?

3 Then said I, Yea, my lord. And he answered me, and said, I am sent to shew thee three ways, and to set forth three similitudes before thee:

4 Whereof if thou canst declare me one, I will shew thee also the way that thou desirest to see, and I shall shew thee from whence the wicked heart cometh.

5 And I said, Tell on, my lord. Then said he unto me, Go thy way, weigh me the weight of the fire, or measure me the blast of the wind, or call me again the day that is past.

6 Then answered I and said, What man is able to do that, that thou shouldst ask such things of me?

7 And he said unto me, If I should ask thee how great dwellings are in the midst of the sea, or how many springs are in the beginning of the deep, or how many springs are above the firmament, or which are the outgoings of paradise:

8 Peradventure thou wouldest say unto me, I never went down into the deep, nor as yet into hell, neither did I ever climb up into heaven.

9 Nevertheless now have I asked thee but only of the fire and wind, and of the day wherethrough thou hast passed, and of things from which thou canst not be separated, and yet canst thou give me no answer of them.

10 He said moreover unto me, Thine own things, and such as are grown up with thee, canst thou not know;

11 How should thy vessel then be able to comprehend the way of the Highest, and, the world being now outwardly corrupted, to understand the ^{||} corruption that is evident in my sight? ^{|| Or, incorruption.}

12 Then said I unto him, It were better that we were not at all, than that we should live still in wickedness, and to suffer, and not to know wherefore.

13 He answered me, and said, I went

^a Judg. 9. 8. into a forest into a plain, and the ^a trees
² Chron. 25. took counsel,
 18.

14 And said, Come, let us go and make war against the sea, that it may depart away before us, and that we may make us more woods.

15 The floods of the sea also in like manner took counsel, and said, Come, let us go up and subdue the woods of the plain, that there also we may make us another country.

16 The thought of the wood was in vain, for the fire came and consumed it.

17 The thought of the floods of the sea came likewise to nought, for the sand stood up and stopped them.

18 If thou wert judge now betwixt these two, whom wouldest thou begin to justify? or whom wouldest thou condemn?

19 I answered and said, Verily it is a foolish thought that they both have devised, for || the ground is given unto the wood, and the sea also hath his place to bear his || floods.
 || Or, the land.
 || Or, waves.

20 Then answered he me, and said, Thou hast given a right judgment, but why judgest thou not thyself also?

21 For like as || the ground is given unto the wood, and the sea to his floods: even so ^b they that dwell upon the earth may understand nothing but that which is upon the earth: and he that dwelleth above the heavens may only understand the things that are above the height of the heavens.
 || Or, the land.
^b Is. 55. 8, 9.
 John 3. 31.
 1 Cor. 2. 14.

22 Then answered I and said, I beseech thee, O Lord, let me have understanding:

23 For it was not my mind to be curious of the high things, but of such as pass by us daily, namely, wherefore Israel is given up as a reproach to the heathen, and for what cause the people whom thou hast loved is given over unto ungodly nations, and why the law of our forefathers is brought to nought, and the written covenants come || to none effect,
 || Or, no where.

24 And we pass away out of the world as grasshoppers, and our life is astonishment and fear, and we are not worthy to obtain mercy.

25 What will he then do unto his name whereby we are called? of these things have I asked.

26 Then answered he me, and said, The more thou searchest, the more thou shalt marvel; for the world hasteth fast to pass away,

27 And cannot comprehend the things that are promised to the righteous in time to come: for ^c this world is full of unrighteousness and infirmities.
^c 1 John 5. 19.

28 But as concerning the things whereof thou askest me, I will tell thee; for the evil is sown, but the destruction thereof is not yet come.

29 If therefore that which is sown be not turned upside down, and if the place where the evil is sown pass not away, then cannot it come that is sown with good.

30 For the grain of evil seed hath been sown in the heart of Adam from the beginning, and how much ungodliness hath it brought up unto this time? and how much shall it yet bring forth until the || time of threshing come?
 || Or, floor.

31 Ponder now by thyself, how great fruit of wickedness the grain of evil seed hath brought forth.

32 And when the ears shall be cut down, which are without number, how great a floor shall they fill?

33 Then I answered and said, How, and when shall these things come to pass? wherefore are our years few and evil?

34 And he answered me, saying, Do not thou hasten above the most Highest: for thy haste is in vain to be above him, for thou hast much exceeded.

35 Did not the souls also of the righteous ask question of these things in their chambers, saying, How long shall I hope on this fashion? when cometh the fruit of the floor of our reward?

36 And unto these things || Uriel the archangel gave them answer, and said, Even when the number of seeds is filled in you: for he hath weighed the world in the balance.
 || Or, Jeremiel.

37 By measure hath he measured the times, and by number hath he numbered the times; and he doth not move nor stir them, until the said measure be fulfilled.

38 Then answered I and said, O Lord that bearest rule, even we all are full of impiety.

39 And for our sakes peradventure it

is that the floors of the righteous are not filled, because of the sins of them that dwell upon the earth.

40 So he answered me, and said, Go thy way to a woman with child, and ask of her when she hath fulfilled her nine months, if her womb may keep the birth any longer within her.

41 Then said I, No, Lord, that can she not. And he said unto me, In the grave the chambers of souls are like the womb of a woman :

42 For like as a woman that travail-eth maketh haste to escape the necessity of the travail: even so do these places haste to deliver those things that are committed unto them.

43 From the beginning, look, what thou desirest to see, it shall be shewed thee.

44 Then answered I and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, and if it be possible, and if I be meet therefore,

45 Shew me then whether there be more to come than is past, or more past than is to come.

46 What is past I know, but what is for to come I know not.

47 And he said unto me, Stand up upon the right side, and I shall expound the similitude unto thee.

48 So I stood, and saw, and, behold, an hot burning oven passed by before me: and it happened, that when the flame was gone by I looked, and, behold, the smoke remained still.

49 After this there passed by before me a watery cloud, and sent down much rain with a storm; and when the stormy rain was past, the drops remained still.

50 Then said he unto me, Consider with thyself; as the rain is more than the drops, and as the fire is greater than the smoke; but the drops and the smoke remain behind: so the ||quantity which is past did more exceed.

51 Then I prayed, and said, May I live, thinkest thou, until that time? or ||what shall happen in those days?

52 He answered me, and said, As for the tokens whereof thou askest me, I may tell thee of them in part: but as touching thy life, I am not sent to shew thee; for I do not know it.

CHAP. V.

1 The signs of the times to come. 23 He asketh why God, choosing but one people, did cast them off. 30 He is taught, that God's judgments are unsearchable, 46 and that God doeth not all at once.

NEVERTHELESS as concerning the tokens, behold, the days shall come, that they which dwell upon earth ||shall be taken in a great number, and the way of truth shall be hidden, and the land shall be barren of faith.

|| Or, shall be found with great wealth.

2 But ^ainiquity shall be increased above that which now thou seest, or that thou hast heard long ago.

^aMat. 24.12.

3 And the land, ||that thou seest now to have root, shalt thou see wasted suddenly.

|| Or, that thou treadest upon and seest.

4 But if the most High grant thee to live, thou shalt see after the third trumpet that the sun shall suddenly shine again in the night, and the moon thrice in the day:

5 And blood shall drop out of wood, and the stone shall give his voice, and the people shall be troubled:

6 And even he shall rule, whom they look not for that dwell upon the earth, and the fowls shall take their flight away together:

7 And the Sodomitish sea shall cast out fish, and make a noise in the night, which many have not known: but they shall all hear the voice thereof.

8 There shall be a confusion also in many places, and the fire shall be oft ||sent out again, and the wild beasts shall change their places, and men-
struous women shall bring forth mon-
sters:

|| Or, slaked.

9 And salt waters shall be found in the sweet, and all friends shall destroy one another; then shall wit hide itself, and understanding withdraw itself into his secret chamber,

10 And shall be sought of many, and yet not be found: then shall unrighteousness and incontinency be multiplied upon earth.

11 One land also shall ask another, and say, Is righteousness that maketh a man righteous gone through thee? And it shall say, No.

12 At the same time shall men hope, but nothing obtain: they shall labour, but their ways shall not ||prosper.

|| Or, be directed.

13 To shew thee such tokens I have leave; and if thou wilt pray again, and

|| Or, measure.

|| Or, who shall be? Manuscript.

weep as now, and fast seven days, thou shalt hear yet greater things.

14 Then I awaked, and an extreme fearfulness went through all my body, and my mind was troubled, so that it fainted.

15 So the angel that was come to talk with me held me, comforted me, and set me up upon my feet.

16 And in the second night it came to pass, that Salathiel the captain of the people came unto me, saying, Where hast thou been? and why is thy countenance so heavy?

17 Knowest thou not that Israel is committed unto thee in the land of their captivity?

18 Up then, and eat bread, and forsake us not, as the shepherd that leaveth his flock in the hands of cruel wolves.

19 Then said I unto him, Go thy ways from me, and come not nigh me. And he heard what I said, and went from me.

20 And so I fasted seven days, mourning and weeping, like as Uriel the angel commanded me.

21 And after seven days so it was, that the thoughts of my heart were very grievous unto me again,

22 And my soul recovered the spirit of understanding, and I began to talk with the most High again,

23 And said, O Lord that bearest rule, of every wood of the earth, and of all the trees thereof, thou hast chosen thee one only vine:

24 And of all lands of the whole world thou hast chosen thee one pit: and of all the flowers thereof one lily:

25 And of all the depths of the sea thou hast filled thee one river: and of all builded cities thou hast hallowed Sion unto thyself:

26 And of all the fowls that are created thou hast named thee one dove: and of all the cattle that are made thou hast provided thee one sheep:

27 And among all the multitudes of people thou hast gotten thee one people: and unto this people, whom thou lovedst, thou gavest a law that is approved of all.

28 And now, O Lord, why hast thou given this one people over unto many? and ^{||} upon the one root hast thou pre-

pared others, and why hast thou scattered thy only one people among many?

29 And they which did gainsay thy promises, and believed not thy covenants, have trodden them down.

30 If thou didst so much hate thy people, yet shouldest thou punish them with thine own hands.

31 Now when I had spoken these words, the angel that came to me the night afore was sent unto me,

32 And said unto me, Hear me, and I will instruct thee; hearken to the thing that I say, and I shall tell thee more.

33 And I said, Speak on, my Lord. Then said he unto me, Thou art sore troubled in mind for Israel's sake: ^blovest thou that people better than ^b ch. 8. 47. he that made them?

34 And I said, No, Lord: but of very grief have I spoken: for my reins pain me every hour, while I labour to comprehend the way of the most High, and to seek out part of his judgment.

35 And he said unto me, Thou canst not. And I said, Wherefore, Lord? whereunto was I born then? or why was not my mother's womb then my grave, that I might not have seen the travail of Jacob, and the wearisome toil of the stock of Israel?

36 And he said unto me, Number me the things that are not yet come, gather me together the drops that are scattered abroad, make me the flowers green again that are withered,

37 Open me the places that are closed, and bring me forth the winds that in them are shut up, shew me the image of a voice: and then I will declare to thee the thing that thou labourest to know.

38 And I said, O Lord that bearest rule, who may know these things, but he ^c that hath not his dwelling with ^c Dan. 2. 11. men?

39 As for me, I am unwise: how may I then speak of these things whereof thou askest me?

40 Then said he unto me, Like as thou canst do none of these things that I have spoken of, even so canst thou not find out my judgment, or in the end the love that I have promised unto my people.

41 And I said, Behold, O Lord, yet art thou nigh unto them that be reserved till the end: and what shall they do that have been before me, or we that be now, or they that shall come after us?

42 And he said unto me, I will liken my judgment unto a ring: like as there is no slackness of the last, even so there is no swiftness of the first.

43 So I answered and said, Coudest thou not make those that have been made, and be now, and that are for to come, at once; that thou mightest shew thy judgment the sooner?

44 Then answered he me, and said, The creature may not haste above the maker; neither may the world hold them at once that shall be created therein.

45 And I said, As thou hast said unto thy servant, that thou, which givest life to all, hast given life at once to the creature that thou hast created, and the creature bare it: even so it might now also bear them that now be present at once.

46 And he said unto me, Ask the womb of a woman, and say unto her, If thou bringest forth children, why dost thou it not together, but one after another? pray her therefore to bring forth ten children at once.

47 And I said, She cannot: but must do it by distance of time.

48 Then said he unto me, Even so have I given the womb of the earth to those that be sown in it in their times.

49 For like as a young child may not bring forth the things that belong to the aged, even so have I disposed the world which I created.

50 And I asked, and said, Seeing thou hast now given me the way, I will proceed to speak before thee: for our mother, of whom thou hast told me that she is young, draweth now nigh unto age.

51 He answered me, and said, Ask a woman that beareth children, and she shall tell thee.

52 Say unto her, Wherefore are not they whom thou hast now brought forth like those that were before, but less of stature?

53 And she shall answer thee, They that be born in the strength of youth

are of one fashion, and they that are born in the time of age, when the womb faileth, are otherwise.

54 Consider thou therefore also, how that ye are less of stature than those that were before you.

55 And so are they that come after you less than ye, as the creatures which now begin to be old, and have passed over the strength of youth.

56 Then said I, Lord, I beseech thee, if I have found favour in thy sight, shew thy servant by whom thou visitest thy creature.

CHAP. VI.

1 God's purpose is eternal. 8 The next world shall follow this immediately. 13 What shall fall out at the last. 31 He is promised more knowledge, 38 and reckoneth up the works of the creation, 57 and complaineth that they have no part in the world for whom it was made.

AND he said unto me, In the beginning, when the || earth was made, before the borders of the world stood, or ever the winds blew,

|| Or, circle of the earth.

2 Before it thundered and lightened, or ever the foundations of paradise were laid,

3 Before the fair flowers were seen, or ever the moveable powers were established, before the innumerable multitude of angels were gathered together,

4 Or ever the heights of the air were lifted up, before the measures of the firmament were named, or ever the chimneys in Sion were hot,

5 And ere the present years were sought out, and or ever the inventions of them that now sin were turned, before they were sealed that have gathered faith for a treasure:

6 Then did I consider these things, and they all were made through me alone, and through none other: by me also they shall be ended, and by none other.

7 Then answered I and said, What shall be the parting asunder of the times? or when shall be the end of the first, and the beginning of it that followeth?

8 And he said unto me, From Abraham unto Isaac, when Jacob and Esau were born of him, * Jacob's hand held || first the heel of Esau.

** Gen. 25. 26.*

|| Or, from the beginning.

9 For Esau is the end of the world, and Jacob is the beginning of it that followeth.

10 The hand of man is betwixt the heel and the hand: other question, Esdras, ask thou not.

11 I answered then and said, O Lord that bearest rule, if I have found favour in thy sight,

12 I beseech thee, shew thy servant the end of thy tokens, whereof thou shewedst me part the last night.

13 So he answered and said unto me, Stand up upon thy feet, and hear a mighty sounding voice.

14 And it shall be as it were a great *|| Or, earthquake.* motion; but the place where thou standest shall not be moved.

15 And therefore when it speaketh be not afraid: for the word is of the end, and the foundation of the earth is understood.

16 And why? because the speech of these things trembleth and is moved: for it knoweth that the end of these things must be changed.

17 And it happened, that when I had heard it I stood up upon my feet, and hearkened, and, behold, there was a voice that spake, and the sound of it was like the sound of many waters.

18 And it said, Behold, the days come, that I will begin to draw nigh, and to visit them that dwell upon the earth,

19 And will begin to make inquisition of them, what they be that have hurt unjustly with their unrighteousness, and when the affliction of Sion shall be fulfilled;

20 And when the world, that shall *|| Or, sealed.* begin to vanish away, shall be *||* finished, then will I shew these tokens: the books shall be opened before the firmament, and they shall see all together:

21 And the children of a year old shall speak with their voices, the women with child shall bring forth untimely children of three or four months old, and they shall live, and be raised up.

22 And suddenly shall the sown places appear unsown, the full storehouses shall suddenly be found empty:

23 And ^b the trumpet shall give a sound, which when every man heareth, they shall be suddenly afraid.

24 At that time shall friends fight one against another like enemies, and the earth shall stand in fear with those that dwell therein, the springs of the

fountains shall stand still, and in three hours they shall not run.

25 Whosoever remaineth from all these that I have told thee shall escape, and see my salvation, and the end of your world.

26 And the men that are received shall see it, who have not tasted death from their birth: and the heart of the inhabitants shall be changed, and turned into another meaning.

27 For evil shall be put out, and deceit shall be quenched.

28 As for faith, it shall flourish, corruption shall be overcome, and the truth, which hath been so long without fruit, shall be declared.

29 And when he talked with me, behold, I looked by little and little upon him before whom I stood.

30 And these words said he unto me; I am come to shew thee the time of the night to come.

31 If thou wilt pray yet more, and fast seven days again, I shall tell thee greater things *||* by day than I have heard. *|| See ch. 13. 52.*

32 For thy voice is heard before the most High: for the Mighty hath seen thy righteous dealing, he hath seen also thy chastity, which thou hast had ever since thy youth.

33 And therefore hath he sent me to shew thee all these things, and to say unto thee, Be of good comfort, and fear not.

34 And hasten not with the times that are past, to think vain things, that thou mayest not hasten from the latter times.

35 And it came to pass after this, that I wept again, and fasted seven days in like manner, that I might fulfil the three weeks which he told me.

36 And in the eighth night was my heart vexed within me again, and I began to speak before the most High.

37 For my spirit was greatly set on fire, and my soul was in distress.

38 And I said, O Lord, thou spakest from the beginning of the creation, even the first day, and saidst thus; *• Let heaven and earth be made; and • Gen. 1. 1.* thy word was a perfect work.

39 And then was the spirit, and darkness and silence were on every side;

the sound of man's voice was not yet formed.

^d Gen. 1. 3. 40 ^d Then commandedst thou a fair light to come forth of thy treasures, that thy work might appear.

^e Gen. 1. 6. 41 ^e Upon the second day thou madest the spirit of the firmament, and commandedst it to part asunder, and to make a division betwixt the waters, that the one part might go up, and the other remain beneath.

^f Gen. 1. 9. 42 ^f Upon the third day thou didst command that the waters should be gathered in the seventh part of the earth: six parts hast thou dried up, and kept them, to the intent that of these some being planted of God and tilled might serve thee.

43 For as soon as thy word went forth the work was made.

44 For immediately there was great and innumerable fruit, and many and divers pleasures for the taste, and flowers of unchangeable colour, and odours of wonderful smell: and this was done the third day.

^g Gen. 1. 14. 45 ^g Upon the fourth day thou commandedst that the sun should shine, and the moon give her light, and the stars should be in order:

46 And gavest them a charge to do ^h service unto man, that was to be made. ^h Gen. 1. 15. ^h Deut. 4. 19.

ⁱ Gen. 1. 20. 47 Upon the fifth day thou saidst unto the seventh part, ⁱ where the waters were gathered, that it should bring forth living creatures, fowls and fishes: and so it came to pass.

48 For the dumb water and without life brought forth living things at the commandment of God, that all people might praise thy wondrous works.

49 Then didst thou ordain two living ^{|| Behemoth.} creatures, the one thou calledst || Enoch, and the other Leviathan;

50 And didst separate the one from the other: for the seventh part, namely, where the water was gathered together, might not hold them both.

51 Unto Enoch thou gavest one part, which was dried up the third day, that he should dwell in the same part, wherein are a thousand hills:

52 But unto Leviathan thou gavest the seventh part, namely, the moist; and hast kept him to be devoured of whom thou wilt, and when.

53 ^k Upon the sixth day thou gavest ^k Gen. 1. 24. commandment unto the earth, that before thee it should bring forth beasts, cattle, and creeping things:

54 ^l And after these, Adam also, whom ^l Gen. 1. 26. thou madest lord of all thy creatures: of him come we all, and the people also whom thou hast chosen.

55 All this have I spoken before thee, O Lord, because thou madest the world for our sakes.

56 As for the other people, which also come of Adam, thou hast said that they are nothing, but be like unto spittle: and hast likened the abundance of them unto a drop that falleth from a vessel.

57 And now, O Lord, behold, these heathen, which have ever been reputed as nothing, have begun to be lords over us, and to devour us.

58 But we thy people, whom thou hast called thy firstborn, thy only begotten, and thy fervent lover, are given into their hands.

59 If the world now be made for our sakes, why do we not possess an inheritance with the world? how long shall this endure?

CHAP. VII.

⁴ The way is narrow. ¹² When it was made narrow. ²⁸ All shall die, and rise again. ³³ Christ shall sit in judgment. ⁴⁶ God hath not made paradise in vain, ⁶² and is merciful.

AND when I had made an end of speaking these words, there was sent unto me the angel which had been sent unto me the nights afore:

2 And he said unto me, Up, Esdras, and hear the words that I am come to tell thee.

3 And I said, Speak on, my God. Then said he unto me, The sea is set in a wide place, that it might be deep and great.

4 But put the case the entrance were narrow, and like a river;

5 Who then could go into the sea to look upon it, and to rule it? if he went not through the narrow, how could he come into the broad?

6 There is also another thing; A city is builded, and set upon a broad field, and is full of all good things:

7 The entrance thereof is narrow, and is set in a || dangerous place to fall, like ^{|| Or, steep place.}

as if there were a fire on the right hand, and on the left a deep water:

8 And one only path between them both, even between the fire and the water, *so small* that there could but one man go there at once.

9 If this city now were given unto a man for an inheritance, if he never shall pass the danger set before it, how shall he receive this inheritance?

10 And I said, It is so, Lord. Then said he unto me, Even so also is Israel's portion.

11 Because for their sakes I made the world: and when Adam transgressed my statutes, then was decreed that now is done.

12 Then were the entrances of this world made narrow, full of sorrow and travail: they are but few and evil, full of perils, and very painful.

|| Or,
greater.

13 For the entrances of the || elder world were wide and sure, and brought immortal fruit.

14 If then they that live labour not to enter these strait and vain things, they can never receive those that are laid up for them.

15 Now therefore why disquietest thou thyself, seeing thou art but a corruptible man? and why art thou moved, whereas thou art but mortal?

16 Why hast thou not considered in thy mind this thing that is to come, rather than that which is present?

* Deut. 8. 1.

17 Then answered I and said, O Lord that bearest rule, thou hast ordained in thy *law, that the righteous should inherit these things, but that the ungodly should perish.

18 Nevertheless the righteous shall suffer strait things, and hope for wide: for they that have done wickedly have suffered the strait things, and yet shall not see the wide.

19 And he said unto me, There is no judge above God, and none that hath understanding above the Highest.

20 For there be many that perish in this life, because they despise the law of God that is set before them.

21 For God hath given strait commandment to such as came, what they should do to live, even as they came, and what they should observe to avoid punishment.

22 Nevertheless they were not obedient unto him; but spake against him, and imagined vain things;

23 And deceived themselves by their wicked deeds; and said of the most High, that he is not; and knew not his ways:

24 But his law have they despised, and denied his covenants; in his statutes have they not been faithful, and have not performed his works.

25 And therefore, Esdras, for the empty are empty things, and for the full are the full things.

26 Behold, the time shall come, that these tokens which I have told thee shall come to pass, and the bride shall appear, and she coming forth shall be seen, that now is withdrawn from the earth.

27 And whosoever is delivered from the foresaid evils shall see my wonders.

28 For my son Jesus shall be revealed with those that be with him, and they that remain shall rejoice within four hundred years.

29 After these years shall my son Christ die, and all men that have life.

30 And the world shall be turned into the old silence seven days, like as in the || former judgments: so that no man shall remain.

|| Or, first
beginning.

31 And after seven days the world, that yet awaketh not, shall be raised up, and that shall die that is corrupt.

32 And the earth shall restore those that are asleep in her, and so shall the dust those that dwell in silence, and the secret places shall deliver those souls that were committed unto them.

33 And the most High shall appear upon the seat of judgment, and misery shall pass away, and the long suffering shall have an end:

34 But judgment only shall remain, truth shall stand, and faith shall wax strong:

35 And the work shall follow, and the reward shall be shewed, and the good deeds shall be of force, and wicked deeds shall bear no rule.

36 Then said I, ^b Abraham prayed first for the Sodomites, and ^c Moses for the fathers that sinned in the wilderness:

37 ^d And Jesus after him for Israel in the time of || Achan:

38 And ^e Samuel and ^f David for the

^b Gen. 18.
23.

^c Ex. 32. 11.

^d Josh. 7. 6,
7.

|| Or, Achor.

^e 1 Sam. 7. 9.

^f 2 Sam. 24.
17.

^a 2 Chron.
6. 14, &c.

^b 1 Kings
17. 21. &
18. 42, 45.

¹ 2 Kings 19.
15.

destruction: and ^a Solomon for them that should come to the sanctuary:

39 And ^b Helias for those that received rain; and for the dead, that he might live:

40 And ¹ Ezechias for the people in the time of Sennacherib: and many for many.

41 Even so now, seeing corruption is grown up, and wickedness increased, and the righteous have prayed for the ungodly: wherefore shall it not be so now also?

42 He answered me, and said, This present life is not the end where much glory doth abide; therefore have they prayed for the weak.

43 But the day of doom shall be the end of this time, and the beginning of the immortality for to come, wherein corruption is past,

44 Intemperance is at an end, infidelity is cut off, righteousness is grown, and truth is sprung up.

45 Then shall no man be able to save him that is destroyed, nor to oppress him that hath gotten the victory.

46 I answered then and said, This is my first and last saying, that it had been better not to have given the earth unto Adam: or else, when it was given him, to have restrained him from sinning.

47 For what profit is it for men now in this present time to live in heaviness, and after death to look for punishment?

^k Rom. 5. 18.

48 O thou Adam, what hast thou done? for though it was ^k thou that sinned, thou art not fallen alone, but we all that come of thee.

49 For what profit is it unto us, if there be promised us an immortal time, whereas we have done the works that bring death?

50 And that there is promised us an everlasting hope, whereas ourselves being most wicked are made vain?

51 And that there are laid up for us dwellings of health and safety, whereas we have lived wickedly?

52 And that the glory of the most High is kept to defend them which have led ^{||} a wary life, whereas we have walked in the most wicked ways of all?

^{||} Or, a chaste life.

53 And that there should be shewed

a paradise, whose fruit endureth for ever, wherein is ^{||} security and medicine, since we shall not enter into it? ^{||} Or, fulness.

54 (For we have walked in unpleasant places.)

55 And that the faces of them which have used abstinence shall shine above the stars, whereas our faces shall be blacker than darkness?

56 For while we lived and committed iniquity, we considered not that we should begin to suffer for it after death.

57 Then answered he me, and said, This is the ^{||} condition of the battle, which man that is born upon the earth shall fight; ^{||} Or, intent.

58 That, if he be overcome, he shall suffer as thou hast said: but if he get the victory, he shall receive the thing that I say.

59 For this is the life whereof Moses spake unto the people while he lived, saying, 'Choose thee life, that thou ¹ Deu. 30. 19. mayest live.

60 Nevertheless they believed not him, nor yet the prophets after him, no nor me which have spoken unto them,

61 That there should not be such heaviness in their destruction, as shall be joy over them that are persuaded to salvation.

62 I answered then, and said, I know, Lord, that the most High is called merciful, in that he hath mercy upon them which are not yet come into the world,

63 And upon those also that turn to his law;

64 And that ^m he is patient, and long ^m Rom. 2. 4. suffereth those that have sinned, as his creatures;

65 And that he is bountiful, for he is ready to give where it needeth;

66 And that he is of great mercy, for he multiplieth more and more mercies to them that are present, and that are past, and also to them which are to come.

67 For if he shall not multiply his mercies, the world would not continue with them that inherit therein.

68 And he pardoneth; ⁿ for if he did ⁿ Ps. 130. 3. not so of his goodness, that they which have committed iniquities might be eased of them, the ten thousandth part of men should not remain living.

69 And being judge, if he should not

¶ Or,
created.

¶ Or,
contempts.

forgive them that are || cured with his word, and put out the multitude of || contentions,

70 There should be very few left peradventure in an innumerable multitude.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Many created, but few saved. 6 He asketh why God destroyeth his own work, 26 and prayeth God to look upon the people which only serve him. 41 God answereth, that all seed cometh not to good, 52 and that glory is prepared for him and such like.

AND he answered me, saying, The most High hath made this world for many, but the world to come for few.

2 I will tell thee a similitude, Esdras; As when thou askest the earth, it shall say unto thee, that it giveth much mould whereof earthen vessels are made, but little dust that gold cometh of: even so is the course of this present world.

¶ Mat. 20. 16. 3 ^a There be many created, but few shall be saved.

4 So answered I and said, Swallow then down, O my soul, understanding, and devour wisdom.

5 For thou hast agreed to give ear, and art willing to prophesy: for thou hast no longer space than only to live.

¶ Or, to give us. 6 O Lord, if thou suffer not thy servant, that we may pray before thee, and || thou give us seed unto our heart, and culture to our understanding, that there may come fruit of it; how shall each man live that is corrupt, who beareth the place of a man?

7 For thou art alone, and we all one workmanship of thine hands, like as thou hast said.

¶ Or, how is the body fashioned. 8 For || when the body is fashioned now in the mother's womb, and thou givest it members, thy creature is preserved in fire and water, and nine months doth thy workmanship endure thy creature which is created in her.

9 But that which keepeth and is kept shall both be preserved: and when the time cometh, the womb preserved delivereth up the things that grew in it.

10 For thou hast commanded out of the parts of the body, that is to say, out of the breasts, milk to be given, which is the fruit of the breasts,

11 That the thing which is fashioned

may be nourished for a time, till thou disposest it to thy mercy.

12 Thou broughtest it up with thy righteousness, and nurturedst it in thy law, and reformedst it with thy judgment.

13 And thou shalt mortify it as thy creature, and quicken it as thy work.

14 If therefore thou shalt destroy him which with so great ^b labour was fashioned, it is an easy thing to be ordained by thy commandment, that the thing which was made might be preserved.

^b Job 10. 8.
Ps. 139. 14,
&c.

15 Now therefore, Lord, I will speak; touching man in general, thou knowest best; but touching thy people, for whose sake I am sorry;

16 And for thine inheritance, for whose cause I mourn; and for Israel, for whom I am heavy; and for Jacob, for whose sake I am troubled;

17 Therefore will I begin to pray before thee for myself and for them: for I see the falls of us that dwell in the land.

18 But I have heard the swiftness of the judge which is to come.

19 Therefore hear my voice, and understand my words, and I shall speak before thee. This is the beginning of the words of Esdras, before he was taken up: and I said,

20 O Lord, thou that dwellest in everlastingness, which beholdest from above things in the heaven and in the air;

21 Whose throne is inestimable; whose glory may not be comprehended; before whom the hosts of angels stand with trembling,

22 ^c Whose service is conversant in wind and fire; whose word is true, and sayings constant; whose commandment is strong, and ordinance fearful;

^c Ps. 104. 4.
Heb. 1. 7.

23 Whose look drieth up the depths, and indignation maketh the mountains to melt away; which the truth witnesseth:

24 O hear the prayer of thy servant, and give ear to the petition of thy creature.

25 For while I live I will speak, and so long as I have understanding I will answer.

26 O look not upon the sins of thy people; but on them which serve thee in truth.

27 Regard not the wicked inventions of the heathen, but the desire of those that keep thy testimonies in afflictions.

28 Think not upon those that have walked feignedly before thee: but remember them, which according to thy will have known thy fear.

29 Let it not be thy will to destroy them which have lived like beasts; but to look upon them that have clearly taught thy law.

30 Take thou no indignation at them which are deemed worse than beasts; but love them that alway put their trust in thy righteousness and glory.

|| Or,
are sick.

31 For we and our fathers || do languish of such diseases: but because of us sinners thou shalt be called merciful.

|| Or,
be willing.

32 For if thou || hast a desire to have mercy upon us, thou shalt be called merciful, to us namely, that have no works of righteousness.

33 For the just, which have many good works laid up with thee, shall out of their own deeds receive reward.

34 For what is man, that thou shouldest take displeasure at him? or what is a corruptible generation, that thou shouldest be so bitter toward it?

d 1 Kings
8. 46.
3 Chr. 6. 36.

35 ^d For in truth there is no man among them that be born, but he hath dealt wickedly; and among the faithful there is none which hath not done amiss.

|| Or,
substance.

36 For in this, O Lord, thy righteousness and thy goodness shall be declared, if thou be merciful unto them which have not the || confidence of good works.

37 Then answered he me, and said, Some things hast thou spoken aright, and according unto thy words it shall be.

38 For indeed I will not think on the disposition of them which have sinned before death, before judgment, before destruction:

• Gen. 4. 4.

39 But ^e I will rejoice over the disposition of the righteous, and I will remember also their pilgrimage, and the salvation, and the reward, that they shall have.

40 Like as I have spoken now, so shall it come to pass.

41 For as the husbandman soweth much seed upon the ground, and planteth many trees, and yet the thing that is sown good in his season cometh not

up, neither doth all that is planted take root: even so is it of them that are sown in the world; they shall not all be saved.

42 I answered then and said, If I have found grace, let me speak.

43 Like as the husbandman's seed perisheth, if it come not up, and receive not thy rain in due season; or if there come too much rain, and corrupt it:

44 Even so perisheth man also, which is formed with thy hands, and is called thine own image, because thou art like unto him, for whose sake thou hast made all things, and likened him unto the husbandman's seed.

45 Be not wroth with us, but spare thy people, and have mercy upon thine own inheritance: for thou art merciful unto thy creature.

46 Then answered he me, and said, Things present are for the present, and things to come for such as be to come.

47 For ^f thou comest far short that ^f ch. 5. 33. thou shouldest be able to love my creature more than I: but I have oftentimes drawn nigh unto thee, and unto it, but never to the unrighteous.

48 In this also thou art marvellous before the most High:

49 In that thou hast humbled thyself, as it becometh thee, and hast not judged thyself worthy to be much glorified among the righteous.

50 For many great miseries shall be done to them that in the latter time shall dwell in the world, because they have walked in great pride.

51 But understand thou for thyself, and seek out the glory for such as be like thee.

52 For unto you is paradise opened, the tree of life is planted, the time to come is prepared, plenteousness is made ready, a city is builded, and rest is allowed, yea, perfect goodness and wisdom.

53 The root of evil is sealed up from you, weakness and the moth is hid from you, and corruption is fled into || hell to be forgotten:

|| Or,
the grave.

54 Sorrows are passed, and in the end is shewed the treasure of immortality.

55 And therefore ask thou no more questions concerning the multitude of them that perish.

56 For when they had taken liberty,

they despised the most High, thought scorn of his law, and forsook his ways.

57 Moreover they have trodden down his righteous,

¶ Ps. 14. 1.
& 53. 1.

58 And [¶] said in their heart, that there is no God; yea, and that knowing they must die.

59 For as the things aforesaid shall receive you, so thirst and pain are prepared for them: for it was not his will that men should come to nought:

60 But they which be created have defiled the name of him that made them, and were unthankful unto him which prepared life for them.

61 And therefore is my judgment now at hand.

62 These things have I not shewed unto all men, but unto thee, and a few like thee. Then answered I and said,

63 Behold, O Lord, now hast thou shewed me the multitude of the wonders, which thou wilt begin to do in the last times: but at what time, thou hast not shewed me.

CHAP. IX.

7 *Who shall be saved, and who not. 19 All the world is now corrupted: 22 yet God doth save a few. 33 He complaineth that those perish which keep God's law: 38 and seeth a woman lamenting in a field.*

HE answered me then, and said, Measure thou the time diligently in itself; and when thou seest part of the signs past, which I have told thee before,

2 Then shalt thou understand, that it is the very same time, wherein the Highest will begin to visit the world which he made.

3 Therefore when there shall be seen [¶] earthquakes and uproars of the people in the world:

4 Then shalt thou well understand, that the most High spake of those things from the days that were before thee, even from the beginning.

5 For like as all that is made in the world hath a beginning and an end, and the end is manifest:

6 Even so the times also of the Highest have plain beginnings in wonders and powerful works, and endings in effects and signs.

7 And every one that shall be saved, and shall be able to escape by his works, and by faith, whereby ye have believed,

8 Shall be preserved from the said

perils, and shall see my salvation in my land, and within my borders: for I have sanctified them for me from the beginning.

9 Then [¶] shall they be in pitiful case, which now have abused my ways: and they that have cast them away despitefully shall dwell in torments. ^{¶ Or, they shall marvel.}

10 For such as in their life have received benefits, and have not known me;

11 And they that have lothed my law, while they had yet liberty, and, when as yet place of repentance was open unto them, understood not, but despised it;

12 The same must know it after death by pain.

13 And therefore be thou not curious how the ungodly shall be punished, and when: but enquire how the righteous shall be saved, whose the world is, and for whom the world is created.

14 Then answered I and said,

15 I have said before, and now do speak, and will speak it also hereafter, that there be many more of them which perish, than of them which shall be saved:

16 Like as a wave is greater than a drop.

17 And he answered me, saying, Like as the field is, so is also the seed; as the flowers be, such are the colours also; such as the workman is, such also is the work; and as the husbandman is himself, so is his husbandry also: for it was the time of the world.

18 [¶] And now when I prepared the world, which was not yet made, even for them to dwell in that now live, no man spake against me. ^{¶ And now because the time of the world was come, when I was preparing the world, &c.}

19 For then every one obeyed: [¶] but now the manners of them which are created in this world that is made are corrupted by a perpetual seed, and by a law which is unsearchable rid themselves. ^{¶ But when the world was made, both now and then the manners of every one created were corrupted by a never-failing harvest, and a law unsearchable.}

20 So I considered the world, and, behold, there was peril because of the devices that were come into it.

21 And I saw, and spared it greatly, and have kept me a [¶] grape of the cluster, and a plant of a great people. ^{¶ Or, grain.}

22 Let the multitude perish then, which was born in vain; and let my [¶] grape be kept, and my plant; for with great labour have I made it perfect. ^{¶ Or, grain.}

23 Nevertheless, if thou wilt cease yet seven days more, (but thou shalt not fast in them,

24 But go into a field of flowers, where no house is builded, and eat only the flowers of the field; taste no flesh, drink no wine, but eat flowers only;)

25 And pray unto the Highest continually, then will I come and talk with thee.

26 So I went my way into the field which is called Ardath, like as he commanded me; and there I sat among the flowers, and did eat of the herbs of the field, and the meat of the same satisfied me.

27 After seven days I sat upon the grass, and my heart was vexed within me, like as before:

28 And I opened my mouth, and began to talk before the most High, and said,

29 O Lord, thou that shewest thyself unto us, thou wast ^b shewed unto our fathers in the wilderness, in a place where no man ^{||} treadeth, in a barren place, when they came out of Egypt.

30 And thou spakest, saying, Hear me, O Israel; and mark my words, thou seed of Jacob.

31 For, behold, I sow my law in you, and it shall bring fruit in you, and ye shall be honoured in it for ever.

32 But our fathers, which received the law, kept it not, and observed not thy ordinances: and though the fruit of thy law did not perish, neither could it, for it was thine;

33 Yet they that received it perished, because they kept not the thing that was sown in them.

34 And, lo, it is a custom, when the ground hath received seed, or the sea a ship, or any vessel meat or drink, that, that being perished wherein it was sown or cast into,

35 That thing also which was sown, or cast therein, or received, doth perish, and remaineth not with us: but with us it hath not happened so.

36 For we that have received the law perish by sin, and our heart also which received it.

37 Notwithstanding the law perisheth not, but remaineth in his force.

38 And when I spake these things

in my heart, I looked back with mine eyes, and upon the right side I saw ^c a ^e ch. 10. 44. woman, and, behold, she mourned and wept with a loud voice, and was much grieved in heart, and her clothes were rent, and she had ashes upon her head.

39 Then let I my thoughts go that I was in, and turned me unto her,

40 And said unto her, Wherefore weepest thou? why art thou so grieved in thy mind?

41 And she said unto me, Sir, let me alone, that I may bewail myself, and add unto my sorrow, for I am sore vexed in my mind, and brought very low.

42 And I said unto her, What aileth thee? tell me.

43 She said unto me, I thy servant have been barren, and had no child, though I had an husband thirty years.

44 And those thirty years I did nothing else day and night, and every hour, but make my prayer to the Highest.

45 After thirty years God heard me thine handmaid, looked upon my misery, considered my trouble, and gave me a son: and I was very glad of him, so was my husband also, and all my neighbours: and we gave great honour unto the Almighty.

46 And I nourished him with great travail.

47 So when he grew up, and came to the time that he should have a wife, I made a feast.

CHAP. X.

¹ He comforteth the woman in the field. ²⁷ She vanisheth away, and a city appeareth in her place. ⁴⁰ The angel declareth these visions in the field.

AND it so came to pass, that when my son was entered into his wedding chamber, he fell down, and died.

2 Then we all overthrew the lights, and all my ^{||} neighbours rose up to comfort me: so I took my rest unto the second day at night.

3 And it came to pass, when they had all left off to comfort me, to the end I might be quiet; then rose I up by night, and fled, and came hither into this field, as thou seest.

4 And I do now purpose not to return into the city, but here to stay, and neither to eat nor drink, but continually to mourn and to fast until I die.

5 Then left I the ^{||} meditations where-

^b Ex. 19. 9.
& 24. 10.
Deut. 4. 12.

^{||} Or,
cometh.

^{||} Or, coun-
trymen,
Lat. citi-
zens.

^{||} Or,
speeches.

in I was, and spake to her in anger, saying,

6 Thou foolish woman above all other, seest thou not our mourning, and what happeneth unto us?

7 How that Sion our mother is full of all heaviness, and much humbled, mourning very sore?

8 And now, seeing we all mourn and are sad, for we are all in heaviness, art thou grieved for one son?

9 For ask the earth, and she shall tell thee, that it is she which ought to mourn for the fall of so many that grow upon her.

10 For out of her came all at the first, and out of her shall all others come, and, behold, they walk almost all into destruction, and a multitude of them is utterly || rooted out.

|| Or, abolished.

11 Who then should make more mourning than she, that hath lost so great a multitude; and not thou, which art sorry but for one?

12 But if thou sayest unto me, My lamentation is not like the earth's, because I have lost the fruit of my womb, which I brought forth with pains, and bare with sorrows;

13 || But the earth *not so*: for the multitude present in it according to the course of the earth is gone, as it came:

|| But the earth after the manner of the earth, whereinto the present multitude is gone again, as it came out.

14 Then say I unto thee, Like as thou hast brought forth with labour; even so the earth also hath given her fruit, namely, man, ever since the beginning unto him that made her.

15 Now therefore keep thy sorrow to thyself, and bear with a good courage that which hath befallen thee.

16 For if thou shalt acknowledge the determination of God to be just, thou shalt both receive thy son in time, and shalt be commended among women.

17 Go thy way then into the city to thine husband.

18 And she said unto me, That will I not do: I will not go into the city, but here will I die.

19 So I proceeded to speak further unto her, and said,

20 Do not so, but be counselled by me: for how many are the adversities of Sion? be comforted in regard of the sorrow of Jerusalem.

21 For thou seest that our sanctuary

is laid waste, our altar broken down, our temple destroyed;

22 Our psaltery is laid on the ground, our song is put to silence, our rejoicing is at an end, the light of our candlestick is put out, the ark of our covenant is spoiled, our holy things are defiled, and the name that is called upon us is almost profaned: our children are put to shame, our priests are burnt, our Levites are gone into captivity, our virgins are defiled, and our wives ravished; our righteous men carried away, our little ones destroyed, our young men are brought in bondage, and our strong men are become weak;

23 And, which is the greatest of all, the seal of Sion hath now lost her honour; for she is delivered into the hands of them that hate us.

24 And therefore shake off thy great heaviness, and put away the multitude of sorrows, that the Mighty may be merciful unto thee again, and the Highest shall give thee rest and ease from thy labour.

25 And it came to pass, while I was talking with her, behold, her face upon a sudden shined exceedingly, and her countenance glistened, so that I was afraid of her, and mused what it might be.

26 And, behold, suddenly she made a great cry very fearful: so that the earth shook at the noise of the woman.

27 And I looked, and, behold, the woman appeared unto me no more, but there was a city builded, and a large place shewed itself from the foundations: then was I afraid, and cried with a loud voice, and said,

28 Where is ^{a ch. 4. 1.} Uriel the angel, who came unto me at the first? for he hath caused me to fall || into many trances, and mine end is turned into corruption, and my prayer to rebuke.

|| Or, into the multitude in a trance.

29 And as I was speaking these words, behold, he came unto me, and looked upon me.

30 And, lo, I lay as one that had been dead, and mine understanding was taken from me: and he took me by the right hand, and comforted me, and set me upon my feet, and said unto me,

31 What aileth thee? and why art thou so disquieted? and why is thine un-

derstanding troubled, and the thoughts of thine heart ?

^b ch. 5. 20. 32 And I said, Because thou hast forsaken me, and yet I did according to thy ^b words, and I went into the field, and, lo, I have seen, and yet see, that I am not able to express.

33 And he said unto me, Stand up manfully, and I will advise thee.

34 Then said I, Speak on, my lord, in me; only forsake me not, lest I die frustrate of my hope.

35 For I have seen that I knew not, and hear that I do not know.

36 Or is my sense deceived, or my soul in a dream ?

37 Now therefore I beseech thee that thou wilt shew thy servant of this
 ^{|| Or, trans.} ^{|| vision.}

38 He answered me then, and said, Hear me, and I shall inform thee, and tell thee wherefore thou art afraid: for the Highest will reveal many secret things unto thee.

^{|| Or, purpose.} 39 He hath seen that thy ^{||} way is right: for that thou sorrowest continually for thy people, and makest great lamentation for Sion.

40 This therefore is the meaning of the vision which thou lately sawest:

41 Thou sawest a woman mourning, and thou beganst to comfort her:

42 But now seest thou the likeness of the woman no more, but there appeared unto thee a city builded.

^{|| Or, interpretation.} 43 And whereas she told thee of the death of her son, this is the ^{||} solution:

44 This woman, whom thou sawest, is Sion: and whereas she said unto thee, even she whom thou seest as a city builded,

45 Whereas, *I say*, she said unto thee, that she hath been thirty years barren: those are the thirty years wherein there was no offering made in her.

46 But after thirty years Solomon builded the city, and offered offerings: and then bare the barren a son.

47 And whereas she told thee that she nourished him with labour: that was the dwelling in Jerusalem.

48 But whereas she said unto thee, That my son coming into his marriage chamber happened to have a fall, and died: this was the destruction that came to Jerusalem.

49 And, behold, thou sawest her likeness, and because she mourned for her son, thou beganst to comfort her: and of these things which have chanced, these are to be opened unto thee.

50 For now the most High seeth that thou art grieved unfeignedly, and sufferest from thy whole heart for her, so hath he shewed thee the brightness of her glory, and the comeliness of her beauty:

51 And therefore I bade thee remain in the field where no house was builded:

52 For I knew that the Highest would shew this unto thee.

53 Therefore I commanded thee to go into the field, where no foundation of any building was.

54 For in the place wherein the Highest beginneth to shew his city, there can no man's building be able to stand.

55 And therefore fear not, let not thine heart be affrighted, but go thy way in, and see the beauty and greatness of the building, as much as thine eyes be able to see:

56 And then shalt thou hear as much as thine ears may comprehend.

57 For thou art blessed above many other, and ^{||} art called with the Highest; and so are but few.
 ^{|| Or, art called to be with, &c.}

58 But to morrow at night thou shalt remain here;

59 And so shall the Highest shew thee visions of the ^{||} high things, which the most High will do unto them that dwell upon earth in the last days. So I slept that night and another, like as he commanded me.
 ^{|| Or, last things.}

CHAP. XI.

¹ He seeth in his dream an eagle coming out of the sea, 37 and a lion out of a wood talking to the eagle.

THEN saw I a dream, and, behold, there came up from the sea an eagle, which had twelve feathered wings, and three heads.

2 And I saw, and, behold, she spread her wings over all the earth, and all the winds of the air blew on her, and were gathered together.

3 And I beheld, and out of her feathers there grew other contrary feathers; and they became little feathers and small.

4 But her heads were at rest: the

† Lat. she.

head in the midst was greater than the other, yet rested † it with the residue.

5 Moreover I beheld, and, lo, the eagle flew with her feathers, and reigned upon earth, and over them that dwelt therein.

6 And I saw that all things under heaven were subject unto her, and no man spake against her, no, not one creature upon earth.

7 And I beheld, and, lo, the eagle rose upon her talons, and spake to her feathers, saying,

8 Watch not all at once: sleep every one in his own place, and watch by course:

9 But let the heads be preserved for the last.

10 And I beheld, and, lo, the voice went not out of her heads, but from the midst of her body.

11 And I numbered her contrary feathers, and, behold, there were eight of them.

12 And I looked, and, behold, on the right side there arose one feather, and reigned over all the earth;

13 And so it was, that when it reigned, the end of it came, and the place thereof appeared no more: so the next following stood up, and reigned, and had a great time;

14 And it happened, that when it reigned, the end of it came also, like as the first, so that it appeared no more.

15 Then came there a voice unto it, and said,

16 Hear thou that hast borne rule over the earth so long: this I say unto thee, before thou beginnest to appear no more,

17 There shall none after thee attain unto thy time, neither unto the half thereof.

18 Then arose the third, and reigned as the other before, and appeared no more also.

19 So went it with all the residue one after another, as that every one reigned, and then appeared no more.

20 Then I beheld, and, lo, in process of time the feathers that followed stood up upon the right side, that they might rule also; and some of them ruled, but within a while they appeared no more:

21 For some of them were set up, but ruled not.

22 After this I looked, and, behold, the twelve feathers appeared no more, nor the two little feathers:

23 And there was no more upon the eagle's body, but three heads that rested, and six little wings.

24 Then saw I also that two little feathers divided themselves from the six, and remained under the head that was upon the right side: for the four continued in their place.

25 And I beheld, and, lo, the feathers that were under the wing thought to set up themselves, and to have the rule.

26 And I beheld, and, lo, there was one set up, but shortly it appeared no more.

27 And the second was sooner away than the first.

28 And I beheld, and, lo, the two that remained thought also in themselves to reign:

29 And when they so thought, behold, there awaked one of the heads that were at rest, namely, it that was in the midst; for that was greater than the two other heads.

30 And then I saw that the two other heads were joined with it.

31 And, behold, the head was turned with them that were with it, and did eat up the two feathers under the wing that would have reigned.

32 But this head put the whole earth in fear, and bare rule in it over all those that dwelt upon the earth with much oppression; and it had the governance of the world more than all the wings that had been.

33 And after this I beheld, and, lo, the head that was in the midst suddenly appeared no more, like as the wings.

34 But there remained the two heads, which also in like sort ruled upon the earth, and over those that dwelt therein.

35 And I beheld, and, lo, the head upon the right side devoured it that was upon the left side.

36 Then I heard a voice, which said unto me, Look before thee, and consider the thing that thou seest.

37 And I beheld, and lo as it were a roaring lion chased out of the wood:

and I saw that he sent out a man's voice unto the eagle, and said,

38 Hear thou, I will talk with thee, and the Highest shall say unto thee,

39 Art not thou it that remainest of the four beasts, whom I made to reign in my world, that the end of their times might come through them?

40 And the fourth came, and overcame all the beasts that were past, and had power over the world with great fearfulness, and over the whole compass of the earth with much wicked oppression; and so long time dwelt he upon the earth with deceit.

41 For the earth hast thou not judged with truth.

42 For thou hast afflicted the meek, thou hast hurt the peaceable, thou hast loved liars, and destroyed the dwellings of them that brought forth fruit, and hast cast down the walls of such as did thee no harm.

43 Therefore is thy wrongful dealing come up unto the Highest, and thy pride unto the Mighty.

44 The Highest also hath looked upon the proud times, and, behold, they are ended, and his abominations are fulfilled.

45 And therefore appear no more, thou eagle, nor thy horrible wings, nor thy wicked feathers, nor thy malicious heads, nor thy hurtful claws, nor all thy vain body:

46 That all the earth may be refreshed, and may return, being delivered from thy violence, and that she may hope for the judgment and mercy of him that made her.

CHAP. XII.

3 The eagle, which he saw, is destroyed. 10 The vision is interpreted. 37 He is bid to write his visions, 39 and to fast, that he may see more. 46 He doth comfort those that were grieved for his absence.

AND it came to pass, whiles the lion spake these words unto the eagle, I saw,

2 And, behold, the head that remained and the four wings appeared no more, and the two went unto it, and set themselves up to reign, and their kingdom was small, and full of uproar.

3 And I saw, and, behold, they appeared no more, and the whole body of the eagle was burnt, so that the earth was in great fear: then awaked I out

of the trouble and trance of my mind, and from great fear, and said unto my spirit,

4 Lo, this hast thou done unto me, in that thou searchest out the ways of the Highest.

5 Lo, yet am I weary in my mind, and very weak in my spirit; and little strength is there in me, for the great fear wherewith I was affrighted this night.

6 Therefore will I now beseech the Highest, that he will comfort me unto the end.

7 And I said, Lord that bearest rule, if I have found grace before thy sight, and if I am justified with thee before many others, and if my prayer indeed be come up before thy face;

8 Comfort me then, and shew me thy servant the interpretation and plain difference of this fearful vision, that thou mayest perfectly comfort my soul.

9 For thou hast judged me worthy to shew me the last times.

10 And he said unto me, This is the interpretation of the vision:

11 The eagle, whom thou sawest come up from the sea, is the kingdom which was seen in the ^avision of thy ^aDan. 7. 7. brother Daniel.

12 But it was not expounded unto him, therefore now I declare it unto thee.

13 Behold, the days will come, that there shall rise up a kingdom upon earth, and it shall be feared above all the kingdoms that were before it.

14 In the same shall twelve kings reign, one after another:

15 Whereof the second shall begin to reign, and shall have more time than any of the twelve.

16 And this do the twelve wings signify, which thou sawest.

17 As for the voice which thou hearest speak, and that thou sawest not to go out from the heads, but from the midst of the body thereof, this is the interpretation:

18 That after the time of that kingdom there shall arise great strivings, and it shall stand in peril of falling: nevertheless it shall not then fall, but shall be restored again to his beginning.

19 And whereas thou sawest the eight

small under feathers sticking to her wings, this is the interpretation :

20 That in him there shall arise eight kings, whose times shall be but small, and their years swift.

21 And two of them shall perish, the middle time approaching : four shall be kept until their end begin to approach : but two shall be kept unto the end.

22 And whereas thou sawest three heads resting, this is the interpretation :

23 In his last days shall the most High raise up three kingdoms, and renew many things therein, and they shall have the dominion of the earth,

24 And of those that dwell therein, with much oppression, above all those that were before them : therefore are they called the heads of the eagle.

25 For these are they that shall accomplish his wickedness, and that shall finish his last end.

26 And whereas thou sawest that the great head appeared no more, it signifieth that one of them shall die upon his bed, and yet with pain.

27 For the two that remain shall be slain with the sword.

28 For the sword of the one shall devour the other : but at the last shall he fall through the sword himself.

29 And whereas thou sawest two feathers under the wings passing over the head that is on the right side ;

30 It signifieth that these are they, whom the Highest hath kept unto their end : this is the small kingdom and full of trouble, as thou sawest.

31 And the lion, whom thou sawest rising up out of the wood, and roaring, and speaking to the eagle, and rebuking her for her unrighteousness with all the words which thou hast heard ;

† Lat. wind,
or, spirit.

32 This is the † anointed, which the Highest hath kept for them and for their wickedness unto the end : he shall reprove them, and shall upbraid them with their cruelty.

33 For he shall set them before him alive in judgment, and shall rebuke them, and correct them.

34 For the rest of my people shall he deliver with mercy, those that have been preserved upon my borders, and he shall make them joyful until the coming of the day of judgment, where-

of I have spoken unto thee from the beginning.

35 This is the dream that thou sawest, and these are the interpretations.

36 Thou only hast been meet to know this secret of the Highest.

37 Therefore write all these things that thou hast seen in a book, and hide them :

38 And teach them to the wise of the people, whose hearts thou knowest may comprehend and keep these secrets.

39 But wait thou here thyself yet seven days more, that it may be shewed thee, whatsoever it pleaseth the Highest to declare unto thee. And with that he went his way.

40 And it came to pass, when all the people saw that the seven days were past, and I not come again into the city, they gathered them all together, from the least unto the greatest, and came unto me, and said,

41 What have we offended thee ? and what evil have we done against thee, that thou forsakest us, and sittest here in this place ?

42 For of all the ‖ prophets thou only ‖ Or, people.
art left us, as a cluster of the vintage, and as a candle in a dark place, and as a haven or ship preserved from the tempest.

43 Are not the evils which are come to us sufficient ?

44 If thou shalt forsake us, how much better had it been for us, if we also had been burned in the midst of Sion ?

45 For we are not better than they that died there. And they wept with a loud voice. Then answered I them, and said,

46 Be of good comfort, O Israel ; and be not heavy, thou house of Jacob :

47 For the Highest hath you in remembrance, and the Mighty hath not forgotten you in temptation.

48 As for me, I have not forsaken you, neither am I departed from you : but am come into this place, to pray for the desolation of Sion, and that I might seek mercy for the low estate of your sanctuary.

49 And now go your way home every man, and after these days will I come unto you.

50 So the people went their way

into the city, like as I commanded them :

51 But I remained still in the field seven days, as the angel commanded me ; and did eat only in those days of the flowers of the field, and had my meat of the herbs.

CHAP. XIII.

¹ He seeth in his dream a man coming out of the sea. ²⁵ The declaration of his dream. ⁵⁴ He is praised, and promised to see more.

AND it came to pass after seven days, I dreamed a dream by night :

|| a certain man as the wind, Junius.

2 And, lo, there arose || a wind from the sea, that it moved all the waves thereof.

|| clouds.

3 And I beheld, and, lo, that man waxed strong with the || thousands of heaven : and when he turned his countenance to look, all the things trembled that were seen under him.

4 And whensoever the voice went out of his mouth, all they burned that heard his voice, like as the earth faileth when it feeleth the fire.

5 And after this I beheld, and, lo, there was gathered together a multitude of men, out of number, from the four winds of the heaven, to subdue the man that came out of the sea.

6 But I beheld, and, lo, he had grav- ed himself a great mountain, and flew up upon it.

7 But I would have seen the region or place whereout the hill was graven, and I could not.

8 And after this I beheld, and, lo, all they which were gathered together to subdue him were sore afraid, and yet durst fight.

9 And, lo, as he saw the violence of the multitude that came, he neither lifted up his hand, nor held sword, nor any instrument of war :

10 But only I saw that he sent out of his mouth as it had been a blast of fire, and out of his lips a flaming breath, and out of his tongue he cast out sparks and tempests.

11 And they were all mixed together ; the blast of fire, the flaming breath, and the great tempest ; and fell with violence upon the multitude which was prepared to fight, and burned them up every one, so that upon a sudden of an innumerable multitude nothing was to

be perceived, but only dust and smell of smoke : when I saw this I was afraid.

12 Afterward saw I the same man come down from the mountain, and call unto him another peaceable multitude.

13 And there came much people unto him, whereof some were glad, some were sorry, some of them were bound, and other some brought || of them that were offered : then was I sick through great fear, and I awaked, and said,

|| Junius, of the things that were offered.

14 Thou hast shewed thy servant these wonders from the beginning, and hast counted me worthy that thou should- est receive my prayer :

15 Shew me now yet the interpreta- tion of this dream.

16 For as I conceive in mine under- standing, woe unto them that shall be left in those days ! and much more woe unto them that are not left behind !

17 For they that were not left were in heaviness.

18 Now understand I the things that are laid up in the latter days, which shall happen unto them, and to those that are left behind.

19 Therefore are they come into great perils and many necessities, like as these dreams declare.

20 Yet is it easier for him that is in danger to come into || these things, than to pass away as a cloud out of the world, and not to see the things that happen in the last days. And he answered unto me, and said,

|| Or, this day.

21 The interpretation of the vision shall I shew thee, and I will open unto thee the thing that thou hast required.

22 Whereas thou hast spoken of them that are left behind, this is the interpretation :

23 He that shall endure the peril in that time hath kept himself : they that be fallen into danger are such as have works, and faith toward the Almighty.

24 Know this therefore, that they which be left behind are more blessed than they that be dead.

25 This is the meaning of the vision : Whereas thou sawest a man coming up from the midst of the sea :

26 The same is he whom God the Highest hath kept a great season, which by his own self shall deliver his

creature: and he shall order them that are left behind.

27 And whereas thou sawest, that out of his mouth there came as a blast of wind, and fire, and storm;

28 And that he held neither sword, nor any instrument of war, but that the rushing in of him destroyed the whole multitude that came to subdue him; this is the interpretation:

29 Behold, the days come, when the most High will begin to deliver them that are upon the earth.

30 And he shall come to the astonishment of them that dwell on the earth.

31 And one shall undertake to fight against another, one city against another, one place against another, ^aone people against another, and one realm against another.

^a Mat. 24. 7.

32 And the time shall be when these things shall come to pass, and the signs shall happen which I shewed thee before, and then shall my Son be declared, whom thou sawest as a man ascending.

33 And when all the people hear his voice, every man shall in their own land leave the battle they have one against another.

34 And an innumerable multitude shall be gathered together, as thou sawest them, willing to come, and to overcome him by fighting.

35 But he shall stand upon the top of the mount Sion.

36 And Sion shall come, and shall be shewed to all men, being prepared and builded, like as thou sawest the hill graven without hands.

37 And this my Son shall rebuke the wicked inventions of those nations, which for their wicked life are fallen into the tempest;

38 And shall lay before them their evil thoughts, and the torments wherewith they shall begin to be tormented, which are like unto a flame: and he shall destroy them without labour by the law which is like unto fire.

39 And whereas thou sawest that he gathered another peaceable multitude unto him;

40 Those are the ten tribes, which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea the

king, whom ^bSalmanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land.

^b 2 Kings 17. 3.

41 But they took this counsel among themselves, that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further country, where never mankind dwelt,

42 That they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land.

43 And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow passages of the river.

44 For the most High then shewed ^csigns for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over.

^c Ex. 14. 21.
Josh. 3. 15, 16.

45 For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half: and the same region is called ^dArsareth.

^d Or, Ararath.

46 Then dwelt they there until the latter time; and now when they shall begin to come,

47 The Highest shall stay the springs of the stream again, that they may go through: therefore sawest thou the multitude with peace.

48 But those that be left behind of thy people are they that are found within my borders.

49 Now when he destroyeth the multitude of the nations that are gathered together, he shall defend his people that remain.

50 And then shall he shew them great wonders.

51 Then said I, O Lord that bearest rule, shew me this: Wherefore have I seen the man coming up from the midst of the sea?

52 And he said unto me, Like as thou canst neither seek out nor know the things that are in the deep of the sea: even so can no man upon earth see my Son, or those that be with him, but in the day time.

53 This is the interpretation of the dream which thou sawest, and wherewith thou only art here lightened.

54 For thou hast forsaken thine own way, and applied thy diligence unto my law, and sought it.

55 Thy life hast thou ordered in wisdom, and hast called understanding thy mother.

56 And therefore have I shewed thee the treasures of the Highest: after other three days I will speak other things unto thee, and declare unto thee mighty and wondrous things.

57 Then went I forth into the field, giving praise and thanks greatly unto the most High because of his wonders, which he did in time;

58 And because he governeth the same, and such things as fall in their seasons: and there I sat three days.

CHAP. XIV.

¹ A voice out of a bush calleth Esdras, ¹⁰ and telleth him that the world waxeth old. ²² He desireth, because the law was burnt, to write all again, ²⁴ and is bid to get swift writers. ³⁹ He and they are filled with understanding: ⁴⁵ but he is charged not to publish all that is written.

AND it came to pass upon the third day, I sat under an oak, and, behold, there came a voice out of a bush over against me, and said, Esdras, Esdras.

² And I said, Here am I, Lord. And I stood up upon my feet.

³ Then said he unto me, ^a In the bush I did manifestly reveal myself unto Moses, and talked with him, when my people served in Egypt:

⁴ And I sent him, and led my people out of Egypt, and brought him up to the mount of Sinai, where I held him by me a long season,

⁵ And told him many wondrous things, and shewed him the secrets of the times, and the end; and commanded him, saying,

⁶ These words shalt thou declare, and these shalt thou hide.

⁷ And now I say unto thee,

⁸ That thou lay up in thy heart the signs that I have shewed, and the dreams that thou hast seen, and the interpretations which thou hast heard:

⁹ For thou shalt be taken away from all, and from henceforth thou shalt remain with my ^{||} Son, and with such as be like thee, until the times be ended.

¹⁰ For the world hath lost his youth, and the times begin to wax old.

¹¹ For the world is divided into twelve parts, and the ten parts of it are gone already, and half of a tenth part:

¹² And there remaineth that which is after the half of the tenth part.

¹³ Now therefore set thine house in

order, and reprove thy people, comfort such of them as be in trouble, and now renounce corruption,

¹⁴ Let go from thee mortal thoughts, cast away the burdens of man, put off now the weak nature,

¹⁵ And set aside the thoughts that are most heavy unto thee, and haste thee to flee from these times.

¹⁶ For ^b yet greater evils than those which thou hast seen happen shall be done hereafter. ^b Mat. 24. 8.

¹⁷ For look how much the world shall be weaker through age, so much the more shall evils increase upon them that dwell therein.

¹⁸ For the truth is fled far away, and leasing is hard at hand: for now hasteth the vision to come, which thou hast seen.

¹⁹ Then answered I before thee, and said,

²⁰ Behold, Lord, I will go, as thou hast commanded me, and reprove the people which are present: but they that shall be born afterward, who shall admonish them? thus the world is set in darkness, and they that dwell therein are without light.

²¹ For thy law is burnt, therefore no man knoweth the things that are done of thee, or the works that shall begin.

²² But if I have found grace before thee, send the Holy Ghost into me, and I shall write all that hath been done in the world since the beginning, which were written in thy law, that men may find thy path, and that they which will live in the latter days may live.

²³ And he answered me, saying, Go thy way, gather the people together, and say unto them, that they seek thee not for forty days.

²⁴ But look thou prepare thee many ^{||} box trees, and take with thee Sarea, Dabria, Selemia, ^{||} Ecanus, and Asiel, these five which are ready to write swiftly;

²⁵ And come hither, and I shall light a candle of understanding in thine heart, which shall not be put out, till the things be performed which thou shalt begin to write.

²⁶ And when thou hast done, some things shalt thou publish, and some things shalt thou shew secretly to the

^{||} Or, box tables to write on: See ver. 44. ^{||} Or, Banus.

^a Ex. 3. 2, &c.

^{||} Or, counsel.

wise: to morrow this hour shalt thou begin to write.

27 Then went I forth, as he commanded, and gathered all the people together, and said,

28 Hear these words, O Israel.

• Gen. 47. 4.

29 ^cOur fathers at the beginning were strangers in Egypt, from whence they were delivered:

• Acts 7. 53.

30 ^dAnd received the law of life, which they kept not, which ye also have transgressed after them.

31 Then was the land, even the land of Sion, parted among you by lot: but your fathers, and ye yourselves, have done unrighteousness, and have not kept the ways which the Highest commanded you.

32 And forasmuch as he is a righteous judge, he took from you in time the thing that he had given you.

33 And now are ye here, and your brethren among you.

34 Therefore if so be that ye will subdue your own understanding, and reform your hearts, ye shall be kept alive, and after death ye shall obtain mercy.

35 For after death shall the judgment come, when we shall live again: and then shall the names of the righteous be manifest, and the works of the ungodly shall be declared.

36 Let no man therefore come unto me now, nor seek after me these forty days.

37 So I took the five men, as he commanded me, and we went into the field, and remained there.

38 And the next day, behold, a voice called me, saying, Esdras, ^eopen thy mouth, and drink that I give thee to drink.

• Ezek. 3. 1.

39 Then opened I my mouth, and, behold, he reached me a full cup, which was full as it were with water, but the colour of it was like fire.

40 And I took it, and drank: and when I had drunk of it, my heart uttered understanding, and wisdom grew in my breast, for my spirit strengthened my memory:

41 And my mouth was opened, and shut no more.

42 The Highest gave understanding unto the five men, and they wrote the wonderful visions of the night that were

told, which they knew not: and they sat forty days, and they wrote in the day, and at night they ate bread.

43 As for me, I spake in the day, and I held not my tongue by night.

44 In forty days they wrote || two hundred and four books. || Or, nine hundred and four.

45 And it came to pass, when the forty days were fulfilled, that the Highest spake, saying, The first that thou hast written publish openly, that the worthy and unworthy may read it:

46 But keep the seventy last, that thou mayest deliver them only to such as be wise among the people:

47 For in them is the spring of understanding, the fountain of wisdom, and || the stream of knowledge.

|| Or, the light of knowledge.

48 And I did so.

CHAP. XV.

¹ This prophecy is certain. ⁵ God will take vengeance upon the wicked, ¹² upon Egypt. ²⁸ An horrible vision. ⁴³ Babylon and Asia are threatened.

BEHOLD, speak thou in the ears of my people the words of prophecy, which I will put in thy mouth, saith the Lord:

2 And cause them to be written in paper: for they are faithful and true.

3 Fear not the imaginations against thee, let not the incredulity of them trouble thee, that speak against thee.

4 For ^aall the unfaithful shall die in their unfaithfulness. ^a John 3. 36.

5 Behold, saith the Lord, I will bring plagues upon the world; the sword, famine, death, and destruction.

6 For wickedness hath exceedingly polluted the whole earth, and their hurtful works are fulfilled.

7 Therefore saith the Lord,

8 I will hold my tongue no more as touching their wickedness, which they profanely commit, neither will I suffer them in those things, in which they wickedly exercise themselves: behold, the ^binnocent and righteous blood crieth unto me, and the souls of the just complain continually. ^b Rev. 6. 10. & 19. 2.

9 And therefore, saith the Lord, I will surely avenge them, and receive unto me all the innocent blood from among them.

10 Behold, my people is led as a flock to the slaughter: I will not suffer them now to dwell in the land of Egypt:

11 But I will bring them with a mighty hand and a stretched out arm, and smite Egypt with plagues, as before, and will destroy all the land thereof.

12 Egypt shall mourn, and the foundation of it shall be smitten with the plague and punishment that God shall bring upon it.

13 They that till the ground shall mourn: for their seeds shall fail through the blasting and hail, and with a fearful constellation.

14 Woe to the world and them that dwell therein!

15 For the sword and their destruction draweth nigh, and one people shall stand up to fight against another, and swords in their hands.

16 For there shall be sedition among men, and invading one another; they shall not regard their kings nor princes, and the course of their actions shall stand in their power.

17 A man shall desire to go into a city, and shall not be able.

18 For because of their pride the cities shall be troubled, the houses shall be destroyed, and men shall be afraid.

19 A man shall have no pity upon his neighbour, but shall destroy their houses with the sword, and spoil their goods, because of the lack of bread, and for great tribulation.

20 Behold, saith God, I will call together all the kings of the earth to reverence me, which are from the rising of the sun, from the south, from the east, and Libanus; to turn themselves one against another, and repay the things that they have done to them.

21 Like as they do yet this day unto my chosen, so will I do also, and recompense in their bosom. Thus saith the Lord God;

22 My right hand shall not spare the sinners, and my sword shall not cease over them that shed innocent blood upon the earth.

23 The fire is gone forth from his wrath, and hath consumed the foundations of the earth, and the sinners, like the straw that is kindled.

24 Woe to them that sin, and keep not my commandments! saith the Lord.

25 I will not spare them: go your

way, ye children, from the power, defile not my sanctuary.

26 For the Lord knoweth all them that sin against him, and therefore delivereth he them unto death and destruction.

27 For now are the plagues come upon the whole earth, and ye shall remain in them: for God shall not deliver you, because ye have sinned against him.

28 Behold an horrible vision, and the appearance thereof from the east:

29 Where the nations of the dragons of Arabia shall come out with many chariots, and the multitude of them shall be carried as the wind upon earth, that all they which hear them may fear and tremble.

30 Also the Carmanians raging in wrath shall go forth as the wild boars of the wood, and with great power shall they come, and join battle with them, and shall waste a portion of the land of the Assyrians.

31 And then shall the dragons have the upper hand, remembering their nature; and if they shall turn themselves, conspiring together in great power to persecute them,

32 Then these shall be troubled, and keep silence through their power, and shall flee.

33 And from the land of the Assyrians shall the enemy besiege them, and consume some of them, and in their host shall be fear and dread, and strife
|| among their kings.

34 Behold clouds from the east and from the north unto the south, and they are very horrible to look upon, full of wrath and storm.

35 They shall smite one upon another, and they shall smite down a great multitude of stars upon the earth, even their own star; and blood shall be from the sword unto the belly,
^c Matt. 24. 29.

36 And dung of men unto the camel's hough.

37 And there shall be great fearfulness and trembling upon earth: and they that see the wrath shall be afraid, and trembling shall come upon them.

38 And then shall there come great storms from the south, and from the north, and another part from the west.

39 And strong winds shall arise from

|| Or,
against.

^d Rev. 14. 20.

|| Or,
pastern, or,
litter.

the east, and shall open it; and the cloud which he raised up in wrath, and the star stirred to cause fear toward the east and west wind, shall be destroyed.

40 The great and mighty clouds shall be lifted up full of wrath, and the star, that they may make all the earth afraid, and them that dwell therein; and they shall pour out over every high and eminent place an horrible star,

41 Fire, and hail, and flying swords, and many waters, that all fields may be full, and all rivers, with the abundance of great waters.

42 And they shall break down the cities and walls, mountains and hills, trees of the wood, and grass of the meadows, and their corn.

43 And they shall go stedfastly unto Babylon, and || make her afraid.

|| Or,
destroy.

44 They shall come to her, and besiege her, the star and all wrath shall they pour out upon her: then shall the dust and smoke go up unto the heaven, and all they that be about her shall bewail her.

45 And they that remain under her shall do service unto them that have put her in fear.

|| Or,
like unto
Babylon.

46 And thou, Asia, that art || partaker of the hope of Babylon, and art the glory of her person:

47 Woe be unto thee, thou wretch, because thou hast made thyself like unto her; and hast decked thy daughters in whoredom, that they might please and glory in thy lovers, which have alway desired to commit whoredom with thee!

48 Thou hast followed her that is hated in all her works and inventions: therefore saith God,

° Rev. 18.
7, 8.

49 °I will send plagues upon thee; widowhood, poverty, famine, sword, and pestilence, to waste thy houses with destruction and death.

50 And the glory of thy power shall be dried up as a flower, when the heat shall arise that is sent over thee.

51 Thou shalt be weakened as a poor woman with stripes, and as one chastised with wounds, so that the mighty and lovers shall not be able to receive thee.

52 Would I with jealousy have so proceeded against thee, saith the Lord,

53 If thou hadst not always slain my

chosen, exalting the stroke of thine hands, and saying over their † dead, † Lat. death. when thou wast drunken,

54 Set forth the beauty of thy countenance?

55 The reward of thy whoredom shall be in thy bosom, therefore shalt thou receive recompence.

56 Like as thou hast done unto my chosen, saith the Lord, even so shall God do unto thee, and shall deliver thee into mischief.

57 Thy children shall die of hunger, and thou shalt fall through the sword: thy cities shall be broken down, and all thine shall perish with the sword in the field.

58 They that be in the mountains shall die of hunger, and eat their own flesh, and drink their own blood, for very hunger of bread, and thirst of water.

59 Thou as unhappy shalt come through the sea, and receive plagues again.

60 And in the passage they shall rush on the idle city, and shall destroy some portion of thy land, and consume part of thy glory, and shall return to Babylon that was destroyed.

61 And thou shalt be cast down by them as stubble, and they shall be unto thee as fire;

62 And shall consume thee, and thy cities, thy land, and thy mountains; all thy woods and thy fruitful trees shall they burn up with fire.

63 Thy children shall they carry away captive, and, look, what thou hast, they shall spoil it, and || mar the beauty of thy face.

|| Or,
blemish.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Babylon and other places are threatened with plagues that cannot be avoided, 23 and with desolation. 40 The servants of the Lord must look for troubles: 51 and not hide their sins, 74 but leave them, and they shall be delivered.*

WOE be unto thee, Babylon, and Asia! woe be unto thee, Egypt, and Syria!

2 Gird up yourselves with cloths of sack and hair, bewail your children, and be sorry; for your destruction is at hand.

3 A sword is sent upon you, and who may turn it back?

4 A fire is sent among you, and who may quench it?

5 Plagues are sent unto you, and what is he that may drive them away?

6 May any man drive away an hungry lion in the wood? or may any one quench the fire in stubble, when it hath begun to burn?

7 May one turn again the arrow that is shot of a strong archer?

8 The mighty Lord sendeth the plagues, and who is he that can drive them away?

9 A fire shall go forth from his wrath, and who is he that may quench it?

10 He shall cast lightnings, and who shall not fear? he shall thunder, and who shall not be afraid?

11 The Lord shall threaten, and who shall not be utterly beaten to powder at his presence?

12 The earth quaketh, and the foundations thereof; the sea ariseth up with waves from the deep, and the waves of it are troubled, and the fishes thereof also, before the Lord, and before the glory of his power:

13 For strong is his right hand that bendeth the bow, his arrows that he shooteth are sharp, and shall not miss, when they begin to be shot into the ends of the world.

14 Behold, the plagues are sent, and shall not return again, until they come upon the earth.

15 The fire is kindled, and shall not be put out, till it consume the foundation of the earth.

16 Like as an arrow which is shot of a mighty archer returneth not backward: even so the plagues that shall be sent upon earth shall not return again.

17 Woe is me! woe is me! who will deliver me in those days?

18 The beginning of sorrows and great mournings; the beginning of famine and great death; the beginning of wars, and the powers shall stand in fear; the beginning of evils! what shall I do when these evils shall come?

19 Behold, famine and plague, tribulation and anguish, are sent as scourges for amendment.

20 But for all these things they shall not turn from their wickedness, nor be always mindful of the scourges.

21 Behold, victuals shall be so good cheap upon earth, that they shall think

themselves to be in good case, and even then shall evils grow upon earth, sword, ^{|| Or, plagues.} famine, and great confusion.

22 For many of them that dwell upon earth shall perish of famine; and the other, that escape the hunger, shall the sword destroy.

23 And the dead shall be cast out as dung, and there shall be no man to comfort them: for the earth shall be wasted, and the cities shall be cast down.

24 There shall be no man left to till the earth, and to sow it.

25 The trees shall give fruit, and who shall gather them?

26 The grapes shall ripen, and who shall tread them? for all places shall be desolate of men:

27 So that one man shall desire to see another, and to hear his voice.

28 For of a city there shall be ten left, and two of the field, which shall hide themselves in the thick groves, and in the clefts of the rocks.

29 ^{• Isai. 17. 6.} As in an orchard of olives upon every tree there are left three or four olives;

30 Or as when a vineyard is gathered, there are left some clusters of them that diligently seek through the vineyard:

31 Even so in those days there shall be three or four left by them that search their houses with the sword.

32 And the earth shall be laid waste, and the fields thereof shall wax old, and her ways and all her paths shall grow full of thorns, because no man shall travel therethrough.

33 The virgins shall mourn, having no bridegrooms; the women shall mourn, having no husbands; their daughters shall mourn, having no helpers.

34 In the wars shall their bridegrooms be destroyed, and their husbands shall perish of famine.

35 Hear now these things, and understand them, ye servants of the Lord.

36 Behold the word of the Lord, receive it: believe not the gods of whom the Lord spake.

37 Behold, the plagues draw nigh, and are not slack.

38 As when a woman with child in the ninth month bringeth forth her

son, within two or three hours of her birth great pains compass her womb, which pains, when the child cometh forth, they slack not a moment:

39 Even so shall not the plagues be slack to come upon the earth, and the world shall mourn, and sorrows shall come upon it on every side.

40 O my people, hear my word: make you ready to the battle, and in those evils be even as pilgrims upon the earth.

^b See 1 Cor. 7. 29, 30, 31.

41 ^b He that selleth, let him be as he that fleeth away: and he that buyeth, as one that will lose:

42 He that occupieth merchandise, as he that hath no profit by it: and he that buildeth, as he that shall not dwell therein:

43 He that soweth, as if he should not reap: so also he that planteth the vineyard, as he that shall not gather the grapes:

44 They that marry, as they that shall get no children; and they that marry not, as the widowers.

45 And therefore they that labour labour in vain:

^{||} Or, for.

46 For strangers shall reap their fruits, and spoil their goods, overthrow their houses, and take their children captives, for ^{||} in captivity and famine shall they get children.

47 And they that occupy their merchandise with robbery, the more they deck their cities, their houses, their possessions, and their own persons:

48 The more will I be angry with them for their sin, saith the Lord.

49 Like as a whore envieth a right honest and virtuous woman:

50 So shall righteousness hate iniquity, when she decketh herself, and shall accuse her to her face, when he cometh that shall defend him that diligently searcheth out every sin upon earth.

51 And therefore be ye not like thereunto, nor to the works thereof.

52 For yet a little, and iniquity shall be taken away out of the earth, and righteousness shall reign among you.

53 Let not the sinner say that he hath not sinned: for God shall burn coals of fire upon his head, which saith before the Lord God and his glory, I have not sinned.

54 Behold, the Lord knoweth all

the works of men, ^c their imaginations, ^e Luke 16. 15. their thoughts, and their hearts:

55 Which spake but the word, Let the earth be made; ^d and it was made: ^d Gen. 1. 1. Let the heaven be made; and it was created.

56 In his word were the stars made, and he knoweth the ^e number of them. ^e Ps. 147. 4.

57 He searcheth the deep, and the treasures thereof; he hath measured the sea, and what it containeth.

58 He hath shut the sea in the midst of the waters, and with his word hath he hanged the earth upon the waters.

59 He spreadeth out the heavens like a vault; ^f upon the waters hath he ^f Ps. 24. 2. founded it.

60 In the desert hath he made springs of water, and pools upon the tops of the mountains, that the floods might pour down from the high rocks to water the earth.

61 ^g He made man, and put his heart ^g Gen. 2. 7. in the midst of the body, and gave him breath, life, and understanding.

62 Yea, and the Spirit of Almighty God, which made all things, and searcheth out all hidden things in the secrets of the earth,

63 Surely he knoweth your inventions, and what ye think in your hearts, even them that sin, and would hide their sin.

64 Therefore hath the Lord exactly searched out all your works, and he will put you all to shame.

65 And when your sins are brought forth, ye shall be ashamed before men, and your own sins shall be your accusers in that day.

66 What will ye do? or how will ye hide your sins before God and his angels?

67 Behold, God himself is the judge, fear him: leave off from your sins, and forget your iniquities, to meddle no more with them for ever: so shall God lead you forth, and deliver you from all trouble.

68 For, behold, the burning wrath of a great multitude is kindled over you, and they shall take away certain of you, and feed you, ^{||} being idle, with things offered unto idols.

^{||} Or, being unable to resist.

69 And they that consent unto them shall be had in derision and in reproach, and trodden under foot.

70 For there shall be in every place, and in the next cities, a great insurrection upon those that fear the Lord.

71 They shall be like mad men, sparing none, but still spoiling and destroying those that fear the Lord.

72 For they shall waste and take away their goods, and cast them out of their houses.

73 Then shall they be known, who are my chosen; and they shall be tried as the gold in the fire.

74 Hear, O ye my beloved, saith the Lord: behold, the days of trouble are at hand, but I will deliver you from the same.

75 Be ye not afraid, neither doubt; for God is your guide,

76 And the guide of them who keep my commandments and precepts, saith the Lord God: let not your sins weigh you down, and let not your iniquities lift up themselves.

77 Woe be unto them that are bound with their sins, and covered with their iniquities, like as a field is covered over with bushes, and the path thereof covered with thorns, that no man may travel through!

78 It is ^{||} left undressed, and is cast ^{|| Or, shut out.} into the fire to be consumed therewith.

T O B I T.

CHAP. I.

¹ Tobit his stock, and devotion in his youth. ⁹ His marriage, 10 and captivity. ¹³ His preferment, 16 alms, and charity in burying the dead; ¹⁹ for which he is accused, and fleeth, 22 and after returneth to Nineve.

^{||} Or, acts.

THE book of the ^{||} words of Tobit, son of Tobiel, the son of Ananiel, the son of Aduel, the son of Gabael, of the seed of Asael, of the tribe of Nephthali;

^{||} Or, Shalmaneser.

^a 2 Kings 17. 3, 23.

^{||} Or, Kedus of Nephthali in Galilee, Josh. 20. 7. Judges 4. 6.

² Who in the time of ^{||} Enemessar king of the Assyrians ^a was led captive out of Thisbe, which is at the right hand of that city, which is called ^{||} properly Nephthali in Galilee above Aser.

³ I Tobit have walked all the days of my life in the way of truth and justice, and I did many almsdeeds to my brethren, and my nation, who came with me to Nineve, into the land of the Assyrians.

^b 1 Kings 12. 19, 20, 28.

⁴ And when I was in mine own country, in the land of Israel, being but young, ^b all the tribe of Nephthali my father fell from the house of Jerusalem, which was chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, that all the tribes should sacrifice *there*, where the temple of the habitation of the most High was consecrated and built for all ages.

^{||} Or, to the power of Baal, or, the god Baal.

^c 1 Kings 12. 30. ^d Deut. 16. 16.

⁵ Now all the tribes which together revolted, and the house of my father Nephthali, sacrificed ^{||} unto the ^c heifer Baal.

⁶ But I alone went often to Jerusalem at the feasts, ^d as it was ordained

unto all the people of Israel by an everlasting decree, ^e having the first-fruits and tenths of increase, with that which was first shorn; and them gave I at the altar to the priests the children of Aaron.

^e Ex. 22. 29. Deut. 12. 6.

⁷ The first tenth part of all increase I gave to the sons of ^{||} Aaron, who ministered ^{at} Jerusalem: ^f another tenth part I sold away, and went, and spent it every year at Jerusalem:

^{||} Or, Levi, Num. 18. 21. ^f Deut. 14. 25, 26.

⁸ And the third I gave unto them to whom it was meet, as Debora my father's mother had commanded me, because I was left an orphan by my father.

⁹ Furthermore, when I was come to the age of a man, I married Anna of mine ^g own kindred, and of her I begat Tobias.

^g Num. 36. 7.

¹⁰ And when we were carried away captives to Nineve, all my brethren and those that were of my kindred did eat of the ^h bread of the Gentiles.

^h Gen. 43. 32.

¹¹ But I kept [†] myself from eating;

Dan. 1. 8.

¹² Because I remembered God with all my heart.

[†] Gr. my soul.

¹³ And the most High gave me grace and favour before Enemessar, so that I was his [†] purveyor.

[†] Gr. buyer.

¹⁴ And I went into Media, and left in trust with Gabael, the brother of Gabrias, ^{||} at Rages a city of Media ten talents of silver.

^{||} Or, in the land, or, country of Media.

¹⁵ Now when Enemessar was dead, Sennacherib his son reigned in his

† Gr.
the ways of
whom were
unsettled.

† See Job 31.
17, 19, 20.

|| Or, behind
the walls.
k 2 Ead. 2.
23.

1 2 Kings
19. 35, 36.
1s. 37. 36, 37.
Ecdus 48.
18, 21.
1 Mac. 7. 41.
2 Mac. 8. 19.

m 2 Kings
19. 37.
2 Chron. 32.
21.
|| Or, Esar-
haddon.

|| Or, Esar-
haddon.

* Ex. 34. 22.
Deut. 16.
10, 11.

stead; † whose estate was troubled, that I could not go into Media.

16 And in the time of Enemessar I gave many alms to my brethren, ¹ and gave my bread to the hungry,

17 And my clothes to the naked: and if I saw any of my nation dead, or cast || about the walls of Nineve, ^k I buried him.

18 And if the king Sennacherib had slain any, when he was come, and ¹ fled from Judea, I buried them privily; for in his wrath he killed many; but the bodies were not found, when they were sought for of the king.

19 And when one of the Ninevites went and complained of me to the king, that I buried them, and hid myself; understanding that I was sought for to be put to death, I withdrew myself for fear.

20 Then all my goods were forcibly taken away, neither was there any thing left me, beside my wife Anna and my son Tobias.

21 And there passed not five and fifty days, before two of his sons ^m killed him, and they fled into the mountains of Ararath; and || Sarchedonus his son reigned in his stead; who appointed over his father's accounts, and over all his affairs, Achiacharus my brother Anael's son.

22 And Achiacharus intreating for me, I returned to Nineve. Now Achiacharus was cupbearer, and keeper of the signet, and steward, and overseer of the accounts: and || Sarchedonus appointed him next unto him: and he was my brother's son.

CHAP. II.

¹ Tobit leaveth his meat to bury the dead, 10 and becometh blind. 11 His wife taketh in work to get her living. 14 Her husband and she fall out about a kid.

NOW when I was come home again, and my wife Anna was restored unto me, with my son Tobias, in the feast of Pentecost, which is ^a the holy feast of the seven weeks, there was a good dinner prepared me, in the which I sat down to eat.

2 And when I saw abundance of meat, I said to my son, Go and bring what poor man soever thou shalt find out of our brethren, who is mindful of the Lord; and, lo, I tarry for thee.

3 But he came again, and said, Father, one of our nation is strangled, and is cast out in the marketplace.

4 Then before I had tasted of any meat, I started up, and took him up into a room until the going down of the sun.

5 Then I returned, and washed myself, and ate my meat in heaviness,

6 Remembering that prophecy of ^b Amos, as he said, ^c Your feasts shall be turned into mourning, and all your mirth into lamentation.

7 Therefore I wept: and after the going down of the sun I went and made a grave, and buried him.

8 But my neighbours mocked me, and said, This man is not yet afraid to be put to death for this matter: ^d who fled away; and yet, lo, he burieth the dead again. ^d ch. 1. 19.

9 The same night also I returned from the burial, and slept by the wall of my courtyard, ^e being polluted, and my face was uncovered: ^e Num. 19. 11.

10 And I knew not that there were || sparrows in the wall, and mine eyes being open, the sparrows muted warm dung into mine eyes, and || a whiteness came in mine eyes; and I went to the physicians, but they helped me not: moreover Achiacharus did nourish me, until I went into Elymais. ^{|| Or, swallows.} ^{|| Or, white films.}

11 And my wife Anna || did take women's works to do. ^{|| Or, was hired to spin in the women's rooms.}

12 And when she had sent || them home to the owners, they paid her wages, and gave her also besides a kid. ^{|| Or, her work.}

13 And when it was in my house, and began to cry, I said unto her, From whence is this kid? is it not stolen? render it to the owners; ^f for it is not lawful to eat any thing that is stolen. ^f Deut. 22. 1.

14 But she replied upon me, It was given for a gift more than the wages. Howbeit I did not believe her, but bade her render it to the owners: and I was abashed at her. ^g But she replied upon me, Where are thine alms, and thy righteous deeds? || behold, thou and all thy works are known. ^g Job 2. 9. ^{|| Or, lo, all things are known to thee.}

CHAP. III.

¹ Tobit, grieved with his wife's taunts, prayeth. 11 Sara, reproached by her father's maids, prayeth also. 17 An angel is sent to help them both.

THEN I being grieved did weep, and in my sorrow prayed, saying,

2 O Lord, thou art just, and all thy works and all thy ways are mercy and truth, and thou judgest truly and justly for ever.

3 Remember me, and look on me, punish me not for my sins and ignorances, and *the sins of my fathers*, who have sinned before thee:

^a Deut. 28.
15, 37.

4 For they obeyed not thy commandments: wherefore thou hast delivered us ^a for a spoil, and unto captivity, and unto death, and for a proverb of reproach to all the nations among whom we are dispersed.

5 And now thy judgments are many and true: deal with me according to my sins and my fathers': because we have not kept thy commandments, neither have walked in truth before thee.

^b Or,
dismissed,
or, delivered.
^b Jonah 4. 3.

6 Now therefore deal with me as seemeth best unto thee, and command my spirit to be taken from me, that I may be ^b dissolved, and become earth: ^b for it is profitable for me to die rather than to live, because I have heard false reproaches, and have much sorrow: command therefore that I may now be delivered out of this distress, and go into the everlasting place: turn not thy face away from me.

7 It came to pass the same day, that in Ecbatane a city of Media Sara the daughter of Raguel was also reproached by her father's maids;

8 Because that she had been married to seven husbands, whom Asmodeus the evil spirit had killed, before they had lain with her. Dost thou not know, said they, that thou hast strangled thine husbands? thou hast had already seven husbands, neither wast thou named after any of them.

9 Wherefore dost thou beat us for them? if they be dead, go thy ways after them, let us never see of thee either son or daughter.

10 When she heard these things, she was very sorrowful, so that she thought to have strangled herself; and she said, I am the only daughter of my father, and if I do this, it shall be a reproach unto him, and I shall bring his old age with sorrow unto the grave.

11 Then she prayed toward the window, and said, Blessed art thou, O Lord my God, and thine holy and glorious

name is blessed and honourable for ever: let all thy works praise thee for ever.

12 And now, O Lord, I set mine eyes and my face toward thee,

13 And say, Take me out of the earth, that I may hear no more the reproach.

14 Thou knowest, Lord, that I am pure from all sin with man,

15 And that I never polluted my name, nor the name of my father, in the land of my captivity: I am the only daughter of my father, neither hath he any child to be his heir, neither any near ^b kinsman, nor any son of his alive, to whom I may keep myself for a wife: my seven husbands are already dead; and why should I live? but if it please not thee that I should die, command some regard to be had of me, and pity taken of me, that I hear no more reproach.

^b Or,
brother.

16 So the prayers of them both were heard before the majesty of the great God.

17 And Raphael was sent to heal them both, that is, to scale away the whiteness of Tobit's eyes, and to give Sara the daughter of Raguel for a wife to Tobias the son of Tobit; and to bind Asmodeus the evil spirit; ^c because she belonged to Tobias by right of inheritance. The selfsame time came Tobit home, and entered into his house, and Sara the daughter of Raguel came down from her upper chamber.

CHAP. IV.

³ Tobit giveth instructions to his son Tobias, 20 and telleth him of money left with Gabael in Media.

IN that day Tobit remembered ^a the money which he had committed to Gabael in Rages of Media, ^a ch. 1. 14.

2 And said with himself, I have wished for death; wherefore do I not call for my son Tobias, that I may signify to him *of the money* before I die?

3 And when he had called him, he said, My son, when I am dead, bury me; and ^b despise not thy mother, ^c but honour her all the days of thy life, and do that which shall please her, and grieve her not.

^b Prov. 23.
22.
^c Ex. 20. 12.
Ecclus 7. 27.

4 Remember, my son, that she saw many dangers for thee, *when thou wast* in her womb; and when she is dead, bury her by me in one grave.

5 My son, be mindful of the Lord

our God all thy days, and let not thy will be set to sin, or to transgress his commandments: do uprightly all thy life long, and follow not the ways of unrighteousness.

6 For if thou deal truly, thy doings shall prosperously succeed to thee, and to all them that live justly.

^d Deut. 15.
7, 8.
Prov. 3. 9.
Ecclus 4. 1,
4, 5, & 14.
13. ver. 16.
Luke 11. 41.
& 14. 13.
^e Ecclus 35.
10.

7 ^d Give alms of thy substance; and when thou givest alms, let not thine eye be envious, neither turn thy face from any poor, and the face of God shall not be turned away from thee.

8 If thou hast abundance, ^e give alms accordingly: if thou have but a little, be not afraid to give according to that little:

^f 1 Tim. 6.
19.

9 For thou ^f layest up a good treasure for thyself against the day of necessity.

^g Ecclus 29.
12, 13.

10 ^g Because that alms do deliver from death, and suffereth not to come into darkness.

11 For alms is a good gift unto all that give it in the sight of the most High.

^h 1 Thes. 4. 3.

12 Beware of all ^h whoredom, my son, and chiefly take a wife of the seed of thy fathers, and take not a strange woman to wife, which is not of thy father's tribe: for we are the children of the prophets, Noe, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: remember, my son, that our fathers from the beginning, even that they all married wives of their own kindred, and were blessed in their children, and their seed shall inherit the land.

13 Now therefore, my son, love thy brethren, and despise not in thy heart thy brethren, the sons and daughters of thy people, in *not* taking a wife of them: for in pride is destruction and much trouble, and in lewdness is decay and great want: for lewdness is the mother of famine.

ⁱ Lev. 19. 13.
Deu. 24. 14,
15.

14 Let not the ⁱ wages of any man, which hath wrought for thee, tarry with thee, but give him it out of hand: for if thou serve God, he will also repay thee: ^k be circumspect, my son, in all things thou doest, and be wise in all thy conversation.

^l Ex. 23. 13.
Eph. 5. 15.

^m Mat. 7. 12.
Luke 6. 31.

15 ^l Do that to no man which thou hatest: drink not wine to make thee drunken: neither let drunkenness go with thee in thy journey.

ⁿ ch. 1. 16,
17.
Luke 14. 13.

16 ^m Give of thy bread to the hungry, and of thy garments to them that are

naked; and according to thine abundance ⁿ give alms; and ^o let not thine eye be envious, when thou givest alms.

ⁿ ver. 8.
Matt. 6. 1.
^o ver. 7.

17 Pour out thy bread on the burial of the just, but give nothing to the wicked.

18 Ask counsel of all that are wise, and despise not any counsel that is profitable.

19 Bless the Lord thy God alway, and desire of him that thy ways may be directed, and that all thy paths and counsels may prosper: for every nation hath not counsel; ^p but the Lord himself giveth all good things, and he humbleth whom he will, as he will; now therefore, my son, remember my commandments, neither let them be put out of thy mind.

^p Jam. 1. 17.

20 And now I signify this to thee, that I committed ten talents to Gabael ^q the son of Gabrias at Rages in Media.

^q ch. 1. 14,
the brother.

21 And fear not, my son, that we are made poor: ^r for thou hast much wealth, if thou fear God, and depart from all sin, and do that which is pleasing in his sight.

^r 1 Tim. 6. 6.

CHAP. V.

⁴ Young Tobias seeketh a guide into Media. ⁶ The angel will go with him, 12 and saith he is his kinsman. ¹⁶ Tobias and the angel depart together. ¹⁷ But his mother is grieved for her son's departing.

TOBIAS then answered and said, Father, I will do all things which thou hast commanded me:

2 But how can I receive the money, seeing I know him not?

3 Then he gave him the handwriting, and said unto him, Seek thee a man which may go with thee, whiles I yet live, and I will give him wages: and go and receive the money.

4 Therefore when he went to seek a man, he found Raphael that was an angel.

5 But he knew not; and he said unto him, Canst thou go with me to Rages? and knowest thou those places well?

6 To whom the angel said, I will go with thee, and I know the way well: for I have lodged with our brother Gabael.

7 Then Tobias said unto him, Tarry for me, till I tell my father.

8 Then he said unto him, Go, and tarry not. So he went in and said to his father, Behold, I have found one

which will go with me. Then he said, Call him unto me, that I may know of what tribe he is, and whether he be a trusty man to go with thee.

9 So he called him, and he came in, and they saluted one another.

10 Then Tobit said unto him, Brother, shew me of what tribe and family thou art.

11 To whom he said, Dost thou seek for a tribe or family, or an hired man to go with thy son? Then Tobit said unto him, I would know, brother, thy kindred and name.

12 Then he said, I am Azarias, the son of Ananias the great, and of thy brethren.

13 Then Tobit said, Thou art welcome, brother; be not now angry with me, because I have enquired to know thy tribe and thy family; for thou art my brother, of an honest and good stock: for I know Ananias and Jonathan, sons of that great Samaias, ^a as we went together to Jerusalem to worship, and offered the firstborn, and the tenths of the fruits; and they were not seduced with ^b the error of our brethren: my brother, thou art of a good stock.

14 But tell me, what wages shall I give thee? *wilt thou* a drachm a day, and things necessary, as to mine own son?

15 Yea, moreover, if ye return safe, I will add something to thy wages.

16 So they were well pleased. Then said he to Tobias, Prepare thyself for the journey, and God send you a good journey. And when his son had prepared all things for the journey, his father said, Go thou with this man, and God, which dwelleth in heaven, prosper your journey, and the angel of God keep you company. So they went forth both, and the young man's dog with them.

17 But Anna his mother wept, and said to Tobit, Why hast thou sent away our son? is he not the staff of our hand, in going in and out before us?

18 *¶* Be not greedy to add money to money: but let it be as refuse in respect of our child.

19 *¶* For that which the Lord hath given us to live with doth suffice us.

20 Then said Tobit to her, Take no

care, my sister; he shall return in safety, and thine eyes shall see him.

21 For the good angel will keep him company, and his journey shall be prosperous, and he shall return safe.

22 Then she made an end of weeping.

CHAP. VI.

⁴ The angel biddeth Tobias to take the liver, heart, and gall out of a fish, ¹⁰ and to marry Sara the daughter of Raguel: ¹⁶ and teacheth how to drive the wicked spirit away.

AND as they went on their journey, they came in the evening to the river Tigris, and they lodged there.

2 And when the young man went down to wash himself, a fish leaped out of the river, and would have devoured him.

3 Then the angel said unto him, Take the fish. And the young man laid hold of the fish, and *¶* drew it to land.

¶ Or, cast it upon the land.

4 To whom the angel said, Open the fish, and take the heart and the liver and the gall, and put them up safely.

5 So the young man did as the angel commanded him; and when they had roasted the fish, they did eat it: then they both went on their way, till they drew near to Ecbatane.

6 Then the young man said to the angel, Brother Azarias, to what use is the heart and the liver and the gall of the fish?

7 And he said unto him, Touching the heart and the liver, if a devil or an evil spirit trouble any, we must make a smoke thereof before the man or the woman, and the party shall be no more vexed.

8 As for the gall, *it is good* to anoint a man that hath whiteness in his eyes, and he shall be healed.

9 And when they were come near to Rages,

10 The angel said to the young man, Brother, to day we shall lodge with Raguel, who is thy cousin; he also hath one only daughter, named Sara; I will speak for her, that she may be given thee for a wife.

11 For to thee doth the *¶* right of her appertain, seeing thou only art of her kindred.

¶ Or, inheritance.
^a Num. 27.
8. & 36. 8.

12 And the maid is fair and wise: now therefore hear me, and I will speak to her father; and when we return from Rages we will celebrate the

^a ch. 1. 6, 7.

^b ch. 1. 4, 5.

¶ Let not money be added, but be the aff-scouring of our son.

¶ Or, So long as God hath granted us to live, this is sufficient.

marriage: for I know that Raguel cannot marry her to another according to the law of Moses, but he shall be guilty of death, because the right of inheritance doth rather appertain to thee than to any other.

13 Then the young man answered the angel, I have heard, brother Azarias, that this maid hath been given to seven men, who all died in the marriage chamber.

14 And now I am the only son of my father, and I am afraid, lest, if I go in unto her, I die, as the other before: for a wicked spirit loveth her, which hurteth no body, but those which come unto her: wherefore I also fear lest I die, and bring my father's and my mother's life because of me to the grave with sorrow: for they have no other son to bury them.

15 Then the angel said unto him, Dost thou not remember the precepts which thy father gave thee, that thou shouldest marry a wife of thine own kindred? wherefore hear me, O my brother; for she shall be given thee to wife; and make thou no reckoning of the evil spirit; for this same night shall she be given thee in marriage.

|| Or, *embers.*

16 And when thou shalt come into the marriage chamber, thou shalt take the || ashes of perfume, and shalt lay upon them some of the heart and liver of the fish, and shalt make a smoke with it:

17 And the devil shall smell it, and flee away, and never come again any more: but when thou shalt come to her, rise up both of you, and pray to God which is merciful, who will have pity on you, and save you: fear not, for she is appointed unto thee from the beginning; and thou shalt preserve her, and she shall go with thee. Moreover I suppose that she shall bear thee children. Now when Tobias had heard these things, he loved her, and his heart was || effectually joined to her.

|| Or, *vehemently.*

CHAP. VII.

11 Raguel telleth Tobias what had happened to his daughter: 12 and giveth her in marriage unto him. 17 She is conveyed to her chamber, and weepeth. 18 Her mother comforteth her.

AND when they were come to Ec-batane, they came to the house of Raguel, and Sara met them: and

after they had saluted one another, she brought them into the house.

2 Then said Raguel to Edna his wife, How like is this young man to Tobit my cousin!

3 And Raguel asked them, From whence are ye, brethren? To whom they said, We are of the sons of Nephthalim, which are captives in Nineve.

4 Then he said to them, Do ye know Tobit our kinsman? And they said, We know him. Then said he, Is he in good health?

5 And they said, He is both alive, and in good health: and Tobias said, He is my father.

6 Then Raguel leaped up, and kissed him, and wept,

7 And blessed him, and said unto him, Thou art the son of an honest and good man. But when he had heard that Tobit was blind, he was sorrowful, and wept.

8 And likewise Edna his wife and Sara his daughter wept. Moreover they entertained them cheerfully; and after that they had killed || a ram of the flock, they set store of meat on the table. Then said Tobias to Raphael, Brother Azarias, speak of those things of which thou didst talk in the way, and let this business be dispatched.

|| a sucking
ram, or,
lamb,
Junius.

9 So he communicated the matter with Raguel: and Raguel said to Tobias, Eat and drink, and make merry:

10 For it is meet that thou shouldest marry my daughter: nevertheless I will declare unto thee the truth.

11 I have given my daughter in marriage to seven men, who died that night they came in unto her: nevertheless for the present be merry. But Tobias said, I will eat nothing here, till we agree and swear one to another.

12 Raguel said, Then take her from henceforth according to the || manner, || Or, *law.* for thou art her cousin, and she is thine, and the merciful God give you good success in all things.

13 Then he called his daughter Sara, and she came to her father, and he took her by the hand, and gave her to be wife to Tobias, saying, Behold, take her after *the law of Moses, and lead her away to thy father. And he blessed them;

* Numb. 36.

14 And called Edna his wife, and took paper, and did write an instrument of covenants, and sealed it.

15 Then they began to eat.

16 After Raguel called his wife Edna, and said unto her, Sister, prepare another chamber, and bring her in thither.

17 Which when she had done as he had bidden her, she brought her thither: and she wept, and she || received the tears of her daughter, and said unto her,

18 Be of good comfort, my daughter; the Lord of heaven and earth give thee joy for this thy sorrow: be of good comfort, my daughter.

CHAP. VIII.

3 Tobias driveth the wicked spirit away, as he was taught.

4 He and his wife rise up to pray. 10 Raguel thought he was dead: 15 but finding him alive, praiseth God, 19 and maketh a wedding feast.

AND when they had supped, they brought Tobias in unto her.

2 And as he went, he remembered the words of Raphael, and took the || ashes of the perfumes, and put the heart and the liver of the fish thereupon, and made a smoke therewith.

3 The which smell when the evil spirit had smelled, he fled into the utmost parts of Egypt, and the angel bound him.

4 And after that they were both shut in together, Tobias rose out of the bed, and said, Sister, arise, and let us pray that God would have pity on us.

5 Then began Tobias to say, Blessed art thou, O God of our fathers, and blessed is thy holy and glorious name for ever; let the heavens bless thee, and all thy creatures.

6 ^a Thou madest Adam, and gavest him Eve his wife for an helper and stay: of them came mankind: thou hast said, It is not good that man should be alone; let us make unto him an aid like unto himself.

7 And now, O Lord, I take not this my sister for lust, but uprightly: therefore mercifully ordain that we may become aged together.

8 And she said with him, Amen.

9 So they slept both that night. And Raguel arose, and went and made a grave,

10 Saying, I fear lest he also be dead.

11 But when Raguel was come into his house,

12 He said unto his wife Edna, Send one of the maids, and let her see whether he be alive: if he be not, that we may bury him, and no man know it.

13 So the maid opened the door, and went in, and found them both asleep,

14 And came forth, and told them that he was alive.

15 Then Raguel praised God, and said, O God, thou art worthy to be praised with all pure and holy praise; therefore let thy saints praise thee with all thy creatures; and let all thine angels and thine elect praise thee for ever.

16 Thou art to be praised, for thou hast made me joyful; and that is not come to me which I suspected; but thou hast dealt with us according to thy great mercy.

17 Thou art to be praised, because thou hast had mercy of two that were the only begotten children of their fathers: grant them mercy, O Lord, and finish their life in health with joy and mercy.

18 Then Raguel bade his servants to fill the grave.

19 And he kept the wedding feast fourteen days.

20 For before the days of the marriage were finished, Raguel had said unto him by an oath, that he should not depart till the fourteen days of the marriage were expired;

21 And then he should take the half of his goods, and go in safety to his father; and should have the rest when I and my wife be dead.

CHAP. IX.

1 Tobias sendeth the angel unto Gabael for the money.

6 The angel bringeth it and Gabael to the wedding.

THEN Tobias called Raphael, and said unto him,

2 Brother Azarias, take with thee a servant, and two camels, and go to Rages of Media to Gabael, and bring me the money, and bring him to the wedding.

3 For Raguel hath sworn that I shall not depart.

4 But my father counteth the days; and if I tarry long, he will be very sorry.

5 So Raphael went out, and lodged with Gabael, and gave him the hand-

^a Gen. 2. 7, 18, 22.

writing: who brought forth bags which were sealed up, and gave them to him.

¶ Or, Gabael
blessed To-
bias and his
wife, Junius.

6 And early in the morning they went forth both together, and came to the wedding: and ¶ Tobias blessed his wife.

CHAP. X.

1 *Tobit and his wife long for their son. 7 She will not be comforted by her husband. 10 Raguel sendeth Tobias and his wife away, with half their goods, 12 and blesseth them.*

NOW Tobit his father counted every day: and when the days of the journey were expired, and they came not,

2 Then Tobit said, Are they detained? or is Gabael dead, and there is no man to give him the money?

3 Therefore he was very sorry.

4 Then his wife said unto him, My son is dead, seeing he stayeth long; and she began to bewail him, and said,

5 *Now I care for nothing, my son, since I have let thee go, the light of mine eyes.*

6 To whom Tobit said, Hold thy peace, take no care, for he is safe.

7 But she said, Hold thy peace, and deceive me not; my son is dead. And she went out every day into the way which they went, and did eat no meat on the daytime, and ceased not whole nights to bewail her son Tobias, until the fourteen days of the wedding were expired, which Raguel had sworn that he should spend there. Then Tobias said to Raguel, Let me go, for my father and my mother look no more to see me.

8 But his father in law said unto him, Tarry with me, and I will send to thy father, and they shall declare unto him how things go with thee.

9 But Tobias said, No; but let me go to my father.

10 Then Raguel arose, and gave him Sara his wife, and half his goods, servants, and cattle, and money:

11 And he blessed them, and sent them away, saying, The God of heaven give you a prosperous journey, my children.

12 And he said to his daughter, Honour thy father and thy mother in law, which are now thy parents, that I may hear good report of thee. And he kissed her. Edna also said to Tobias, The Lord of heaven restore thee, my dear brother, and grant that I may see thy children of my daughter Sara before I

die, that I may rejoice before the Lord: behold, I commit my daughter unto thee ¶ of special trust; wherefore do not entreat her evil.

¶ Or, to be
safely kept.

CHAP. XI.

6 *Tobias' mother spieth her son coming. 10 His father meeteth him at the door, and recovereth his sight. 14 He praiseth God, 17 and welcometh his daughter in law.*

AFTER these things Tobias went his way, praising God that he had given him a prosperous journey, and blessed Raguel and Edna his wife, and went on his way till they drew near unto Nineve.

2 Then Raphael said to Tobias, Thou knowest, brother, how thou didst leave thy father:

3 Let us haste before thy wife, and prepare the house.

4 And take in thine hand the gall of the fish. So they went their way, and the dog went after them.

5 Now Anna sat looking about toward the way for her son.

6 And when she espied him coming, she said to his father, Behold, thy son cometh, and the man that went with him.

7 Then said Raphael, I know, Tobias, that thy father will open his eyes.

8 Therefore anoint thou his eyes with the gall, and being pricked therewith, he shall rub, and the whiteness shall fall away, and he shall see thee.

9 Then Anna ran forth, and fell upon the neck of her son, and said unto him, Seeing I have seen thee, my son, from henceforth I am content to die. And they wept both.

10 Tobit also went forth toward the door, and stumbled: but his son ran unto him,

11 And took hold of his father: and he strake of the gall on his father's eyes, saying, Be of good hope, my father.

12 And when his eyes began to smart, he rubbed them;

13 And the whiteness pilled away from the corners of his eyes: and when he saw his son, he fell upon his neck.

14 And he wept, and said, Blessed art thou, O God, and blessed is thy name for ever; and blessed are all thine holy angels:

15 For thou hast scourged, and hast taken pity on me: for, behold, I see my

son Tobias. And his son went in rejoicing, and told his father the great things that had happened to him in Media.

16 Then Tobit went out to meet his daughter in law at the gate of Nineve, rejoicing, and praising God: and they which saw him go marvelled, because he had received his sight.

17 But Tobit gave thanks before them, because God had mercy on him. And when he came near to Sara his daughter in law, he blessed her, saying, Thou art welcome, daughter: God be blessed, which hath brought thee unto us, and *blessed be thy father and thy mother.* And there was joy among all his brethren which were at Nineve.

18 And Achiacharus, *¶ Junius, who is also called Nasbas.* and Nasbas his brother's son, came:

19 And Tobias' wedding was kept seven days with great joy.

CHAP. XII.

5 Tobit offereth half to the angel for his pains. 6 But he calleth them both aside, and exhorteth them, 15 and telleth them that he was an angel, 21 and was seen no more.

THEN Tobit called his son Tobias, and said unto him, My son, see that the man have his wages, which went with thee, and thou must give him more.

2 And Tobias said unto him, O father, it is no harm to me to give him half of those things which I have brought:

3 For he hath brought me again to thee in safety, and made whole my wife, and brought me the money, and likewise healed thee.

4 Then the old man said, It is due unto him.

5 So he called the angel, and he said unto him, Take half of all that ye have brought, and go away in safety.

6 Then he took them both apart, and said unto them, Bless God, praise him, and magnify him, and praise him for the things which he hath done unto you in the sight of all that live. It is good to praise God, and exalt his name, and *¶ Or, with honour.* *¶* honourably to shew forth the works of God; therefore be not slack to praise him.

7 It is good to keep close the secret of a king, but it is honourable to reveal the works of God. *¶ 1 Pet. 3.13.* *a* Do that which is good, and no evil shall touch you.

8 Prayer is good with fasting and

alms and righteousness. *b* A little with *b* Ps. 37. 16. righteousness is better than much with unrighteousness. It is better to give alms than to lay up gold:

9 *c* For alms doth deliver from death, *c* ch. 4. 10. and shall purge away all sin. Those that exercise alms and righteousness shall be filled with life:

10 But they that sin are enemies to their own life.

11 Surely I will keep close nothing from you. For I said, It was good to keep close the secret of a king, but that it was honourable to reveal the works of God.

12 Now therefore, when thou didst pray, and Sara thy daughter in law, I did bring the remembrance of your prayers before the Holy One: and when thou didst bury the dead, I was with thee likewise.

13 And when thou didst not delay to rise up, and leave thy dinner, *† to go and cover the dead, thy good deed was not hid from me: but I was with thee.* *† Gr. to go and bury.*

14 And now God hath sent me to heal thee and Sara thy daughter in law.

15 I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels, which present the prayers of the saints, and which go in and out before the glory of the Holy One.

16 Then they were both troubled, and fell upon their faces: for they feared.

17 But he said unto them, Fear not, for it shall go well with you; praise God therefore.

18 For not of any favour of mine, but by the will of our God I came; wherefore praise him for ever.

19 *d* All these days I did appear unto you; but I did neither eat nor drink, *d* Gen. 18. 8. & 19. 3. *Judg. 13. 16.* but ye did see a vision.

20 Now therefore give God thanks: for I go up to him that sent me; but write all things which are done in a book.

21 And when they arose, they saw him no more.

22 Then they confessed the great and wonderful works of God, and how the angel of the Lord had appeared unto them.

CHAP. XIII.

The thanksgiving unto God, which Tobit wrote.

THEN Tobit wrote a prayer of rejoicing, and said, Blessed be God

that liveth for ever, and blessed be his kingdom.

^a Deut. 32. 39. ¹ Sam. 2. 6. Wis. 16. 13. **2** ^a For he doth scourge, and hath mercy: he leadeth down to hell, and bringeth up again: neither is there any that can avoid his hand.

3 Confess him before the Gentiles, ye children of Israel: for he hath scattered us among them.

4 There declare his greatness, and extol him before all the living: for he is our Lord, and he is the God our Father for ever.

^b Deut. 30. 3. **5** And he will scourge us for our iniquities, and will have mercy again, ^b and will gather us out of all nations, among whom he hath scattered us.

6 If ye turn to him with your whole heart, and with your whole mind, and deal uprightly before him, then will he turn unto you, and will not hide his face from you. Therefore see what he will do with you, and confess him with your whole mouth, and praise the Lord of might, and extol the everlasting King. In the land of my captivity do I praise him, and declare his might and majesty to a sinful nation. O ye sinners, turn and do justice before him:

^c Jonah 3. 9. **c** who can tell if he will accept you, and have mercy on you?

7 I will extol my God, and my soul shall praise the King of heaven, and shall rejoice in his greatness.

8 Let all men speak, and let all praise him for *his* righteousness.

^{||} Or, he will lay a scourge upon the works of thy children. **9** O Jerusalem, the holy city, ^{||} he will scourge thee for thy children's works, and will have mercy again on the sons of the righteous.

^{||} Or, to make. **10** Give praise to the Lord, *for he is good*: and praise the everlasting King, that his tabernacle may be builded in thee again with joy, and ^{||} let him make joyful there in thee those that are captives, and love in thee for ever those that are miserable.

^d Ps. 72. 10, 11. **11** ^d Many nations shall come from far to the name of the Lord God with gifts in their hands, even gifts to the King of heaven; all generations shall praise thee with great joy.

12 Cursed *are* all they which hate thee, and blessed shall all be which love thee for ever.

13 Rejoice and be glad for the chil-

dren of the just: for they shall be gathered together, and shall bless the Lord of the just.

14 ^e O blessed *are* they which love thee, ^e Ps. 122. 6. *for* they shall rejoice in thy ^{||} peace: ^{||} Or, prosperity. *blessed are* ^f Is. 66. 10. *they* which have been sorrowful for all thy scourges; for they shall rejoice for thee, when they have seen all thy glory, and shall be glad for ever.

15 Let my soul bless God the great King.

16 For Jerusalem shall be built up with sapphires, and emeralds, and precious stone: thy walls and towers and battlements with pure gold.

17 And the streets of Jerusalem shall be paved with beryl and carbuncle and stones of Ophir.

18 And all her streets shall say, Alleluia; and they shall praise him, saying, Blessed be God, which hath extolled it for ever.

CHAP. XIV.

³ Tobit giveth instructions to his son, ⁸ specially to leave Nineve. ¹¹ He and his wife die, and are buried. ¹² Tobias removeth to Ecbatane, ¹⁴ and there died, after he had heard of the destruction of Nineve.

SO Tobit made an end of praising God.

2 And he was eight and fifty years old when he lost his sight, which was restored to him after eight years: and he gave alms, and he ^{||} increased in the fear of the Lord God, and praised him. ^{||} Or, did more and more fear.

3 And when he was very aged, he called his son, and the six sons of his son, and said to him, My son, take thy children; for, behold, I am aged, and am ready to depart out of this life.

4 Go into Media, my son, for I surely believe those things which ^a Jonas the prophet spake of Nineve, that it shall be overthrown; and that for a time peace shall rather be in Media; and that our brethren shall lie scattered in the earth from that good land: and Jerusalem shall be desolate, and the house of God in it shall be burned, and shall be desolate for a time; ^a Jonah 3. 4.

5 ^b And that again God will have mercy on them, and bring them again into the land, where they shall build a temple, but not like to the first, until the time of that age be fulfilled; and afterward they shall return from *all* places of their captivity, and build ^b Ezra 3. 8. & 6. 14.

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up Jerusalem gloriously, and the house of God shall be built in it || for ever with a glorious building, as the prophets have spoken thereof.

6 And all nations shall turn, and fear the Lord God truly, and shall bury their idols.

7 So shall all nations praise the Lord, and his people shall confess God, and the Lord shall exalt his people; and all those which love the Lord God in truth and justice shall rejoice, shewing mercy to our brethren.

8 And now, my son, depart out of Nineve, because that those things which the prophet Jonas spake shall surely come to pass.

9 But keep thou the law and the commandments, and shew thyself merciful and just, that it may go well with thee.

10 And bury me decently, and thy mother with me; but tarry no longer at Nineve. Remember, my son, how Aman handled Achiacharus that brought him up, how out of light he brought him into darkness, and how he rewarded him again: yet Achiacharus was || saved, but the other had his reward: for

|| Or,
preserved.

he went down into darkness. || Manasses gave alms, and escaped the snares of death || which they had set for him: but Aman fell into the snare, and perished.

|| Junius
readeth,
Nitsba.
|| Rom.
which he
had set.

11 Wherefore now, my son, consider what alms doeth, and how righteousness doth deliver. When he had said these things, he gave up the ghost in the bed, being an hundred and eight and fifty years old; and || he buried him || Or, they.
honourably.

12 And when Anna his mother was dead, he buried her with his father. But Tobias departed with his wife and children to Ecbatane to Raguel his father in law,

13 Where he became old with honour, and he buried his father and mother in law honourably, and he || inherited || Or,
their substance, and his father Tobit's. possessed.

14 And he died at Ecbatane in Media, being an hundred and seven and twenty years old.

15 But before he died he heard of the destruction of Nineve, which was taken by Nabuchodonosor and Assuerus: and before his death he rejoiced over Nineve.

JUDITH.

CHAP. I.

2 Arphaxad doth fortify Ecbatane. 5 Nabuchodonosor maketh war against him, 7 and craveth aid. 12 He threateneth those that would not aid him, 15 and killeth Arphaxad, 16 and returneth to Nineve.

IN the twelfth year of the reign of Nabuchodonosor, who reigned in Nineve, the great city; in the days of Arphaxad, which reigned over the Medes in Ecbatane,

2 And built in Ecbatane walls round about of stones hewn three cubits broad and six cubits long, and made the height of the wall seventy cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits:

3 And set the towers thereof upon the gates of it, an hundred cubits high, and the breadth thereof in the foundation threescore cubits:

4 And he made the gates thereof, even gates that were raised to the height of seventy cubits, and the breadth of them was forty cubits, for the going

forth of his mighty armies, and for the setting in array of his footmen:

5 Even in those days king Nabuchodonosor made war with king Arphaxad in the great plain, which is the plain in the borders of Ragau.

6 And there came unto him all they that dwelt in the hill country, and all that dwelt by Euphrates, and Tigris, and Hydaspes, and the plain of Arioch the king of the Elymeans, and very many nations of the sons of Chelod, assembled themselves to the battle.

7 Then Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians sent unto all that dwelt in Persia, and to all that dwelt westward, and to those that dwelt in Cilicia, and Damascus, and Libanus, and Antilibanus, and to all that dwelt upon the sea coast,

8 And to those among the nations that were of Carmel, and Galaad, and

the higher Galilee, and the great plain of Esdrelom,

9 And to all that were in Samaria and the cities thereof, and beyond Jordan unto Jerusalem, and Betane, and Chellus, and Kades, and the river of Egypt, and Taphnes, and Ramesse, and all the land of Gesem,

10 Until ye come beyond Tanis and Memphis, and to all the inhabitants of Egypt, until ye come to the borders of Ethiopia.

11 But all the inhabitants of the land made light of the commandment of Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians, neither went they with him to the battle; for they were not afraid of him: yea, he was before them as one man, and they sent away his ambassadors from them without effect, and with disgrace.

12 Therefore Nabuchodonosor was very angry with all this country, and swore by his throne and kingdom, that he would surely be avenged upon all those coasts of Cilicia, and Damascus, and Syria, and that he would slay with the sword all the inhabitants of the land of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and all Judea, and all that were in Egypt, till ye come to the borders of the two seas.

13 Then he marched in battle array with his power against king Arphaxad in the seventeenth year, and he prevailed in his battle: for he overthrew all the power of Arphaxad, and all his horsemen, and all his chariots,

14 And became lord of his cities, and came unto Ecbatane, and took the towers, and spoiled the streets thereof, and turned the beauty thereof into shame.

15 He took also Arphaxad in the mountains of Ragau, and smote him through with his darts, and destroyed him utterly that day.

16 So he returned afterward to Nineve, both he and all his company of sundry nations, being a very great multitude of men of war, and there he took his ease, and banqueted, both he and his army, an hundred and twenty days.

CHAP. II.

⁴ *Holofernes is appointed general, 11 and charged to spare none that will not yield. 15 His army and provision. 23 The places which he won and wasted as he went.*

AND in the eighteenth year, the two and twentieth day of the first month, there was talk in the house of Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians, that he should, as he said, avenge himself on all the earth.

2 So he called unto him all his officers, and all his nobles, and communicated with them his secret counsel, and concluded the afflicting of the whole earth out of his own mouth.

^a 1 Sam. 20. 7. & 25. 17.

3 Then they decreed to destroy all flesh, that did not obey the commandment of his mouth.

4 And when he had ended his counsel, Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians called Holofernes the chief captain of his army, which was [†] next unto him, and said unto him,

[†] Gr. second man.

5 Thus saith the great king, the lord of the whole earth, Behold, thou shalt go forth from my presence, and take with thee men that trust in their own strength, of footmen an hundred and twenty thousand; and the number of horses with their riders twelve thousand.

6 And thou shalt go against all the west country, because they disobeyed my commandment.

7 And thou shalt declare unto them, that they prepare for me ^{||} earth and water: for I will go forth in my wrath against them, and will cover the whole face of the earth with the feet of mine army, and I will give them for a spoil unto them:

^{||} After the manner of the kings of Persia, to whom earth and water was wont to be given, to acknowledge that they were lords of land and sea, Herodotus.

8 So that their slain shall fill their valleys and brooks, and the river shall be filled with their dead, till it overflow:

9 And I will lead them captives to the utmost parts of all the earth.

10 Thou therefore shalt go forth, and take beforehand for me all their coasts: and if they will yield themselves unto thee, thou shalt reserve them for me till the day of their punishment.

11 But concerning them that rebel, let not thine eye spare them; but put them to the slaughter, and spoil them wheresoever thou goest.

12 For as I live, and by the power of my kingdom, whatsoever I have spoken, that will I do by mine hand.

13 And take thou heed that thou transgress none of the commandments of thy lord, but accomplish them fully,

as I have commanded thee, and defer not to do them.

14 Then Holofernes went forth from the presence of his lord, and called all the governors and captains, and the officers of the army of Assur;

15 And he mustered the chosen men for the battle, as his lord had commanded him, unto an hundred and twenty thousand, and twelve thousand archers on horseback;

16 And he ranged them, as a great army is ordered for the war.

17 And he took camels and asses for their carriages, a very great number; and sheep and oxen and goats without number for their provision:

18 And plenty of victual for every man of the army, and very much gold and silver out of the king's house.

19 Then he went forth and all his power to go before king Nabuchodonosor in the voyage, and to cover all the face of the earth westward with their chariots, and horsemen, and their chosen footmen.

20 A great number also of sundry countries came with them like locusts, and like the sand of the earth: for the multitude was without number.

21 And they went forth of Nineve three days' journey toward the plain of Bectileth, and pitched from Bectileth near the mountain which is at the left hand of the upper Cilicia.

22 Then he took all his army, his footmen, and horsemen, and chariots, and went from thence into the hill country;

23 And destroyed Phud and Lud, and spoiled all the children of Rassas, and the children of Ismael, which were toward the wilderness at the south of the land of the Chellians.

24 Then he went over Euphrates, and went through Mesopotamia, and destroyed all the high cities that were upon the river Arbonai, till ye come to the sea.

25 And he took the borders of Cilicia, and killed all that resisted him, and came to the borders of Japheth, which were toward the south, over against Arabia.

26 He compassed also all the children of Madian, and burned up their tabernacles, and spoiled their sheepcotes.

27 Then he went down into the plain of Damascus in the time of wheat harvest, and burnt up all their fields, and destroyed their flocks and herds, also he spoiled their cities, and utterly wasted their countries, and smote all their young men with the edge of the sword.

28 Therefore the fear and dread of him fell upon all the inhabitants of the sea coasts, which were in Sidon and Tyrus, and them that dwelt in Sur and Ocina, and all that dwelt in Jemnaan; and they that dwelt in Azotus and Ascalon feared him greatly.

CHAP. III.

¹ They of the sea coasts intreat for peace. ⁷ Holofernes is received there: ⁸ yet he destroyeth their gods, that they might worship only Nabuchodonosor. ⁹ He cometh near to Judea.

SO they sent ambassadors unto him to treat of peace, saying,

2 Behold, we the servants of Nabuchodonosor the great king lie before thee; use us as shall be good in thy sight.

3 Behold, our houses, and all our places, and all our fields of wheat, and flocks, and herds, and all the lodges of our tents, lie before thy face; use them as it pleaseth thee.

4 Behold, even our cities and the inhabitants thereof are thy servants; come and deal with them as seemeth good unto thee.

5 So the men came to Holofernes, and declared unto him after this manner.

6 Then came he down toward the sea coast, both he and his army, and set garrisons in the high cities, and took out of them chosen men for aid.

7 So they and all the country round about received them with garlands, with dances, and with timbrels.

8 Yet he did cast down their frontiers, and cut down their groves: for he had decreed to destroy all the gods of the land, that all nations should worship Nabuchodonosor only, and that all tongues and tribes should call upon him as god.

9 Also he came over against || Esdrelon near unto || Judea, over against the † great strait of Judea.

10 And he pitched between Geba and Scythopolis, and there he tarried a whole month, that he might gather together all the carriages of his army.

|| Or, Esdrelom.
|| Or, Dolea, Dothan, Junius.
Gen. 37. 17.
† Gr. great saw.

CHAP. IV.

² *The Jews are afraid of Holofernes, 5 and fortify the hills. 6 They of Bethulia take charge of the passages. 9 All Israel fall to fasting and prayer.*

NOW the children of Israel, that dwelt in Judea, heard all that Holofernes the chief captain of Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians had done to the nations, and after what manner he had spoiled all their temples, and brought them to nought.

² Therefore they were exceedingly afraid of him, and were troubled for Jerusalem, and for the temple of the Lord their God:

³ For they were newly returned from the captivity, and all the people ^{||} of Judea were lately gathered together: and the vessels, and the altar, and the house, were sanctified after the profanation.

⁴ Therefore they sent into all the coasts of Samaria, and the villages, and to Bethoron, and Belmen, and Jericho, and to Choba, and Esora, and to the valley of Salem:

⁵ And possessed themselves beforehand of all the tops of the high mountains, and fortified the villages that were in them, and laid up victuals for the provision of war: for their fields were of late reaped.

⁶ Also Joacim the high priest, which was in those days in Jerusalem, wrote to them that dwelt in Bethulia, and Betomestham, which is over against ^{||} Esdraelon toward the ^{||} open country, near to Dothaim,

⁷ Charging them to keep the passages of the hill country: for by them there was an entrance into Judea, and it was easy to stop them that would come up, because the passage was strait, ^{||} for two men at the most.

⁸ And the children of Israel did as Joacim the high priest had commanded them, with the ^{||} ancients of all the people of Israel, which dwelt at Jerusalem.

⁹ Then every man of Israel cried to God with great fervency, and with great vehemency did they humble their souls:

¹⁰ Both they, and their wives, and their children, and their cattle, and every stranger and hireling, and their servants bought with money, put sackcloth upon their loins.

¹¹ Thus every man and woman, and the little children, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, fell before the temple, and cast ashes upon their heads, and spread out their sackcloth before the face of the Lord: also they put sackcloth about the altar,

¹² And cried to the God of Israel all with one consent earnestly, that he would not give their children for a prey, and their wives for a spoil, and the cities of their inheritance to destruction, and the sanctuary to profanation and reproach, and for the nations to rejoice at.

¹³ So God heard their prayers, and looked upon their afflictions: for the people fasted many days in all Judea and Jerusalem before the sanctuary of the Lord Almighty.

¹⁴ And Joacim the high priest, and all the priests that stood before the Lord, and they which ministered unto the Lord, had their loins girt with sackcloth, and offered the daily burnt offerings, with the vows and free gifts of the people,

¹⁵ And had ashes on their mitres, and cried unto the Lord with all their power, that he would look upon all the house of Israel graciously.

CHAP. V.

⁵ *Achior telleth Holofernes what the Jews are, 8 and what their God had done for them; 21 and adviseth not to meddle with them. 22 All that heard him were offended at him.*

THEN was it declared to Holofernes, the chief captain of the army of Assur, that the children of Israel had prepared for war, and had shut up the passages of the hill country, and had fortified [†] all the tops of the high hills, and had laid impediments in the campaign countries:

² Wherewith he was very angry, and called all the princes of Moab, and the captains of Ammon, and all the governors of the sea coast,

³ And he said unto them, Tell me now, ye sons of Chanaan, who this people is, that dwelleth in the hill country, and what are the cities that they inhabit, and what is the multitude of their army, and wherein is their power and strength, and what king is set over them, or captain of their army;

⁴ And why have they determined not

^{||} Or, out of Judea.

^{||} Or, Esdraelon.
^{||} Or, plain.

^{||} Or, two against all.

^{||} Or, governors.

[†] Gr. all the top.

to come and meet me, more than all the inhabitants of the west.

^a ch. 6. 5.
& 11. 9.

5 ^a Then said Achior, the captain of all the sons of Ammon, Let my lord now hear a word from the mouth of thy servant, and I will declare unto thee the truth concerning this people, which dwelleth near thee, and inhabiteth the hill countries: and there shall no lie come out of the mouth of thy servant.

6 This people are descended of the Chaldeans:

^b Gen. 11.
31.

7 ^b And they sojourned heretofore in Mesopotamia, because they would not follow the gods of their fathers, which were in the land of Chaldea.

^c Or, went
out of.

8 For they ^c left the way of their ancestors, and worshipped the God of heaven, the God whom they knew: so they cast them out from the face of their gods, and they fled into Mesopotamia, and sojourned there many days.

^e Gen. 12. 1.

9 Then ^e their God commanded them to depart from the place where they sojourned, and to go into the land of Chanaan: where they dwelt, and were increased with gold and silver, and with very much cattle.

^d Gen. 46. 6.

10 But when a famine covered all the land of Chanaan, ^d they went down into Egypt, and sojourned there, while they were nourished, ^e and became there a great multitude, so that one could not number their nation.

^f Ex. 1. 8,
---14.

11 ^f Therefore the king of Egypt rose up against them, and dealt subtilly with them, and brought them low with labouring in brick, and made them slaves.

^g Ex. 2. 23.

12 ^g Then they cried unto their God, and ^h he smote all the land of Egypt with incurable plagues: so the ⁱ Egyptians cast them out of their sight.

^h Ex. 7, &
8, & 9, &
10, & 12.

ⁱ Ex. 12. 31,
33.

^k Ex. 14. 21.

13 And ^k God dried the Red sea before them,

^l Ex. 19. 1.

14 And ^l brought them ⁺ to mount Sina, and ^m Cades-Barne, and cast forth all that dwelt in the wilderness.

⁺ Gr. into
the way of
the wilder-
ness of Sina.
^m Num. 20.
1.

ⁿ Num. 21.
24, 25.

^o Josh. 3. 16.

15 ⁿ So they dwelt in the land of the Amorites, and they destroyed by their strength all them of Esebon, and ^o passing over Jordan they possessed all the hill country.

^p Josh. 12. 8.

16 ^p And they cast forth before them the Chanaanite, the Pherezite, the Jebusite, and the Sychemite, and all the

Gergesites, and they dwelt in that country many days.

17 And whilst they sinned not before their God, they prospered, because the God that hateth iniquity was with them.

18 But ^a when they departed from the way which he appointed them, they were destroyed in many battles very sore, ^r and were led captives into a land that was not their's, and the temple of their God was cast to the ground, and their cities were taken by the enemies.

^q Judg. 2. 11.
& 3. 7, 8.

^r 2 Kin. 25.
9, 10, 11.

19 But ^s now are they returned to their God, and are come up from the places where they were scattered, and have possessed Jerusalem, where their sanctuary is, and ^{||} are seated in the hill country; for it was desolate.

^s Ezra 1. 1,
3.

^{||} Or, have
their dwell-
ings.

20 Now therefore, my lord and governor, if there be any error in this people, and they sin against their God, let us consider that this shall be their ruin, and let us go up, and we shall overcome them.

21 But if there be no iniquity in their nation, let my lord now pass by, lest their Lord defend them, and their God be for them, and we become a reproach before all the world.

22 And when Achior had finished these sayings, all the people standing round about the tent murmured, and the chief men of Holofernes, and all that dwelt by the sea side, and in Moab, spake that he should kill him.

23 For, *say they*, we will not be afraid of the face of the children of Israel: for, lo, it is a people that have no strength nor power ⁺ for a strong battle.

⁺ Gr.
against a
mighty
army.

24 Now therefore, lord Holofernes, we will go up, and they shall be a prey to be devoured of all thine army.

CHAP. VI.

3 *Holofernes despiseth God. 7 He threateneth Achior, and sendeth him away. 14 The Bethulians receive and hear him. 18 They fall to prayer, and comfort Achior.*

AND when the tumult of men that were about the council was ceased, Holofernes the chief captain of the army of Assur said unto Achior and all the Moabites before all the company of other nations,

2 And who art thou, Achior, and the hirelings of Ephraim, that thou hast prophesied among us as to day, and

hast said, that we should not make war with the people of Israel, because their God will defend them? and who is God but Nabuchodonosor?

3 He will send his power, and will destroy them from the face of the earth, and their God shall not deliver them: but we his servants will destroy them as one man; for they are not able to sustain the power of our horses.

4 For with them we will tread them under foot, and their mountains shall be drunken with their blood, and their fields shall be filled with their dead bodies, and their footsteps shall not be able to stand before us, for they shall utterly perish, saith king Nabuchodonosor, lord of all the earth: for he said, None of my words shall be in vain.

5 And thou, Achior, an hireling of Ammon, which hast spoken these words in the day of thine iniquity, shalt see my face no more from this day, until I take vengeance of this nation that came out of Egypt.

6 And then shall the sword of mine army, and the multitude of them that serve me, pass through thy sides, and thou shalt fall among their slain, when I return.

7 Now therefore my servants shall bring thee back into the hill country, and shall set thee in one of the cities of the passages:

8 And thou shalt not perish, till thou be destroyed with them.

9 And if thou persuade thyself in thy mind that they shall not be taken, let not thy countenance fall: I have spoken it, and none of my words shall be in vain.

10 Then Holofernes commanded his servants, that waited in his tent, to take Achior, and bring him to Bethulia, and deliver him into the hands of the children of Israel.

11 So his servants took him, and brought him out of the camp into the plain, and they went from the midst of the plain into the hill country, and came unto the fountains that were under Bethulia.

12 And when the men of the city saw them, they took up their weapons, and went out of the city to the top of the hill: and every man that used a

sling kept them from coming up by casting of stones against them.

13 Nevertheless having gotten privily under the hill, they bound Achior, and cast him down, and left him at the foot of the hill, and returned to their lord.

14 But the Israelites descended from their city, and came unto him, and loosed him, and brought him into Bethulia, and presented him to the governors of the city:

15 Which were in those days Ozias the son of Micha, of the tribe of Simeon, and Chabris the son of Gothoniell, and Charmis the son of Melchiel.

16 And they called together all the ancients of the city, and all their youth ran together, and their women, to the assembly, and they set Achior in the midst of all their people. Then Ozias asked him of that which was done.

17 And he answered and declared unto them the words of the council of Holofernes, and all the words that he had spoken in the midst of the princes of Assur, and whatsoever Holofernes had spoken proudly against the house of Israel.

18 Then the people fell down and worshipped God, and cried unto God, saying,

19 O Lord God of heaven, behold their pride, and pity the low estate of our nation, and look upon the face of those that are sanctified unto thee this day.

20 Then they comforted Achior, and praised him greatly.

21 And Ozias took him out of the assembly unto his house, and made a feast to the elders; and they called on the God of Israel all that night for help.

CHAP. VII.

1 Holofernes besiegeth Bethulia, 7 and stoppeth the water from them. 22 They faint, and murmur against the governors, 30 who promise to yield within five days.

THE next day Holofernes commanded all his army, and all his people which were come to take his part, that they should remove their camp against Bethulia, to take aforehand the ascents of the hill country, and to make war against the children of Israel.

2 Then their strong men removed their camps in that day, and the army of the men of war was an hundred and

seventy thousand footmen, and twelve thousand horsemen, beside the baggage, and other men that were afoot among them, a very great multitude.

3 And they camped in the valley near unto Bethulia, by the fountain, and they spread themselves in breadth || over Dothaim even to Belmaim, and in length from Bethulia unto † Cyamon, which is over against Esdraelom.

|| from
Dothaim,
Junius.
† Gr. Bean
field.

* Num. 22. 4.

4 Now the children of Israel, when they saw the multitude of them, were greatly troubled, and said every one to his neighbour, "Now will these men lick up the face of the earth; for neither the high mountains, nor the valleys, nor the hills, are able to bear their weight.

5 Then every man took up his weapons of war, and when they had kindled fires upon their towers, they remained and watched all that night.

6 But in the second day Holofernes brought forth all his horsemen in the sight of the children of Israel which were in Bethulia,

7 And viewed the passages up to the city, and came to the fountains of their waters, and took them, and set garri- sons of men of war over them, and he himself removed toward his people.

8 Then came unto him all the chief of the children of Esau, and all the go- vernors of the people of Moab, and the captains of the sea coast, and said,

9 Let our lord now hear a word, that there be not an overthrow in thine army.

10 For this people of the children of Israel do not trust in their spears, but in the height of the mountains wherein they dwell, because it is not easy to come up to the tops of their mountains.

11 Now therefore, my lord, fight not against them in battle array, and there shall not so much as one man of thy people perish.

12 Remain in thy camp, and keep all the men of thine army, and let thy servants get into their hands the foun- tain of water, which issueth forth of the foot of the mountain :

13 For all the inhabitants of Bethulia have their water thence; so shall thirst kill them, and they shall give up their city, and we and our people shall go up to the tops of the mountains that are

near, and will camp upon them, to watch that none go out of the city.

14 So they and their wives and their children shall be consumed with famine, and before the sword come against them, they shall be overthrown in the streets where they dwell.

15 Thus shalt thou render them an evil reward; because they rebelled, and met not thy person peaceably.

16 And these words pleased Holo- fernes and all his servants, and he ap- pointed to do as they had spoken.

17 So the camp of the children of Ammon departed, and with them five thousand of the Assyrians, and they pitched in the valley, and took the wa- ters, and the fountains of the waters of the children of Israel.

18 Then the children of Esau went up with the children of Ammon, and camped in the hill country over against Dothaim: and they sent some of them toward the south, and toward the east, over against Ekrebel, which is near un- to Chusi, that is upon the brook Moch- mur; and the rest of the army of the Assyrians camped in the plain, and co- vered the face of the whole land; and their tents and carriages were pitched to a very great multitude.

19 Then the children of Israel cried unto the Lord their God, because their heart failed, for all their enemies had compassed them round about, and there was no way to escape out from among them.

20 Thus all the company of Assur remained about them, both their foot- men, chariots, and horsemen, four and thirty days, so that all their vessels of water failed all the inhabitants of Bethulia.

21 And the || cisterns were emptied, || Or, pits. and they had not water to drink their fill for one day; for they gave them drink by measure.

22 Therefore their young children were out of heart, and their women and young men fainted for thirst, and fell down in the streets of the city, and by the passages of the gates, and there was no longer any strength in them.

23 Then all the people assembled to Ozias, and to the chief of the city, both young men, and women, and children,

and cried with a loud voice, and said before all the elders,

^b Ex. 5. 21. 24 God be ^b judge between us and you: for ye have done us great injury, in that ye have not required peace of the children of Assur.

25 For now we have no helper: but God hath sold us into their hands, that we should be thrown down before them with thirst and great destruction.

26 Now therefore call them unto you, and deliver the whole city for a spoil to the people of Holofernes, and to all his army.

27 For it is better for us to be made a spoil unto them, than to die for thirst: for we will be his servants, that our souls may live, and not see the death of our infants before our eyes, nor our wives nor our children to die.

^{||} Or, lest he do, meaning Holofernes.

28 We take to witness against you the heaven and the earth, and our God and Lord of our fathers, which punisheth us according to our sins and the sins of our fathers, ^{||} that he do not according as we have said this day.

29 Then there was great weeping with one consent in the midst of the assembly; and they cried unto the Lord God with a loud voice.

30 Then said Ozias to them, Brethren, be of good courage, let us yet endure five days, in the which space the Lord our God may turn his mercy toward us; for he will not forsake us utterly.

31 And if these days pass, and there come no help unto us, I will do according to your word.

32 And he dispersed the people, every one to their own charge; and they went unto the walls and towers of their city, and sent the women and children into their houses: and they were very low brought in the city.

CHAP. VIII.

¹ The state and behaviour of Judith a widow. ¹² She blameth the governors for their promise to yield, ¹⁷ and adviseth them to trust in God. ²⁸ They excuse their promise. ³² She promiseth to do something for them.

NOW at that time Judith heard thereof, which was the daughter of Merari, the son of Ox, the son of Joseph, the son of Oziel, the son of Elcia, the son of Ananias, the son of Gedeon, the son of Raphaim, the son of Acitho, the son of Eliu, the son of Eliab, the

son of Nathanael, the son of ^{||} Samael, ^{||} Or, ^{||} Samahel, the son of Salasadai, the son of Israel.

2 And Manasses was her husband, of her tribe and kindred, who died in the barley harvest.

3 For as he stood overseeing them that bound sheaves in the field, the heat came upon his head, and he fell on his bed, and died in the city of Bethulia: and they buried him with his fathers in the field between Dothaim and Balamo.

4 So Judith was a widow in her house three years and four months.

5 And she made her a tent upon the top of her house, and put on sackcloth upon her loins, and ware her widow's apparel.

6 And she fasted all the days of her widowhood, save the eves of the sabbaths, and the sabbaths, and the eves of the new moons, and the new moons, and the feasts and solemn days of the house of Israel.

7 She was also of a goodly countenance, and very beautiful to behold: and her husband Manasses had left her gold, and silver, and menservants, and maidservants, and cattle, and lands; ^{||} and she remained upon them.

^{||} Or, and she kept them.

8 And there was none that gave her an ill word; for she feared God greatly.

9 Now when she heard the evil words of the people against the governor, that they fainted for lack of water; for Judith had heard ^a all the words that Ozias had spoken unto them, and that he had sworn to deliver the city unto the Assyrians after five days; ^a ch. 7. 30, 31.

10 Then she sent her waitingwoman, that had the government of all things that she had, to call Ozias and Chabris and Charmis, the ancients of the city.

11 And they came unto her, and she said unto them, Hear me now, O ye governors of the inhabitants of Bethulia: for your words that ye have spoken before the people this day are not right, touching this oath which ye made and pronounced between God and you, and have promised to deliver the city to our enemies, unless within these days the Lord turn to help you.

12 And now who are ye that have tempted God this day, and stand instead of God among the children of men?

13 And now try the Lord Almighty, but ye shall never know any thing.

^b 1 Cor. 2. 11. 14 ^b For ye cannot find the depth of the heart of man, neither can ye perceive the things that he thinketh: then how can ye search out God, that hath made all these things, and ^c know his mind, or comprehend his purpose? Nay, my brethren, provoke not the Lord our God to anger.

^c 1 Cor. 2. 16. 15 For if he will not help us within these five days, he hath power to defend us when he will, even every day, or to destroy us before our enemies.

^{||} Or, engage. 16 Do not ^{||} bind the counsels of the Lord our God: for ^d God is not as man, that he may be threatened; neither is he as the son of man, that he should be wavering.

17 Therefore let us wait for salvation of him, and call upon him to help us, and he will hear our voice, if it please him.

^{||} Or, town. 18 For there arose none in our age, neither is there any now in these days, neither tribe, nor family, nor ^{||} people, nor city, among us, which worship gods made with hands, ^e as hath been aforetime.

^e Judg. 2. 11. & 4. 1. & 6. 1. 19 For the which cause our fathers were given to the sword, and for a spoil, and had a great fall before our enemies.

20 But we know none other god, therefore we trust that he will not despise us, nor any of our nation.

21 For if we be taken so, all Judea shall lie waste, and our sanctuary shall be spoiled; and he will require the profanation thereof at our mouth.

^{||} Or, fear. 22 And the ^{||} slaughter of our brethren, and the captivity of the country, and the desolation of our inheritance, will he turn upon our heads among the Gentiles, wheresoever we shall be in bondage; and we shall be an offence and a reproach to all them that possess us.

23 For our servitude shall not be directed to favour: but the Lord our God shall turn it to dishonour.

24 Now therefore, O brethren, let us shew an example to our brethren, because their hearts depend upon us, and the sanctuary, and the house, and the altar, rest upon us.

25 Moreover let us give thanks to

the Lord our God, which trieth us, even as he did our fathers.

26 Remember what things he did to ^f Abraham, and how he tried Isaac, and ^f Gen. 22. 1. what happened to ^g Jacob in Mesopotamia of Syria, when he kept the sheep of Laban his mother's brother. ^g Gen. 28. 7.

27 For he hath not tried us in the fire, as he did them, for the examination of their hearts, neither hath he taken vengeance on us: but the Lord doth scourge them that come near unto him, to admonish them.

28 Then said Ozias to her, All that thou hast spoken hast thou spoken with a good heart, and there is none that may gainsay thy words.

29 For this is not the first day wherein thy wisdom is manifested; but from the beginning of thy days all the people have known thy understanding, because the disposition of thine heart is good.

30 But the people were very thirsty, and compelled us to do unto them as we have spoken, and to bring an oath upon ourselves, which we will not break.

31 Therefore now pray thou for us, because thou art a godly woman, and the Lord will send us rain to fill our cisterns, and we shall faint no more.

32 Then said Judith unto them, Hear me, and I will do a thing, which shall go throughout all generations to the children of our nation.

33 Ye shall stand this night in the gate, and I will go forth with my waitingwoman: and within the days that ye have promised to deliver the city to our enemies the Lord will visit Israel by mine hand.

34 But enquire not ye of mine act: for I will not declare it unto you, till the things be finished that I do.

35 Then said Ozias and the princes unto her, Go in peace, and the Lord God be before thee, to take vengeance on our enemies.

36 So they returned from the tent, and went to their wards.

CHAP. IX.

¹ Judith humbleth herself, ² and prayeth God to prosper her purpose against the enemies of his sanctuary.

THEN Judith fell upon her face, and put ashes upon her head, and uncovered the sackcloth wherewith she

was clothed; and about the time that the incense of that evening was offered in Jerusalem in the house of the Lord Judith cried with a loud voice, and said,

^a Gen. 34.
2, 25, &c.

2 O Lord God of my father ^a Simeon, to whom thou gavest a sword to take vengeance of the strangers, who loosened the girdle of a maid to defile her, and discovered the thigh to her shame, and polluted her virginity to her reproach; for thou saidst, It shall not be so; and yet they did so:

3 Wherefore thou gavest their rulers to be slain, so that they dyed their bed in blood, being deceived, and smotest the servants with their lords, and the lords upon their thrones;

4 And hast given their wives for a prey, and their daughters to be captives, and all their spoils to be divided among thy dear children; which were moved with thy zeal, and abhorred the pollution of their blood, and called upon thee for aid: O God, O my God, hear me also a widow.

5 For thou hast wrought not only those things, but also the things which fell out before, and which ensued after; thou hast thought upon the things which are now, and which are to come.

6 Yea, what things thou didst determine were ready at hand, and said, Lo, we are here: for all thy ways are prepared, and thy judgments are in thy foreknowledge.

7 For, behold, the Assyrians are multiplied in their power; they are exalted with horse and man; they glory in the strength of their footmen; they trust in shield, and spear, and bow, and sling; and know not that thou art the Lord that breakest the battles: the Lord is thy name.

8 Throw down their strength in thy power, and bring down their force in thy wrath: for they have purposed to defile thy sanctuary, and to pollute the tabernacle where thy glorious name resteth, and to cast down with sword the horn of thy altar.

9 Behold their pride, and send thy wrath upon their heads: give into mine hand, which am a widow, the power that I have conceived.

^b Judg. 4.
21. & 2, 26.

10 ^b Smite by the deceit of my lips the servant with the prince, and the prince

with the servant: break down their stateliness by the hand of a woman.

11 ^c For thy power standeth not in multitude, nor thy might in strong men: for thou art a God of the afflicted, an helper of the oppressed, an upholder of the weak, a protector of the forlorn, a saviour of them that are without hope.

^c Judg. 7. 2.
¹ Sam. 17.
47.
² Chron. 14.
11. & 16. 8.
& 20. 6.

12 I pray thee, I pray thee, O God of my father, and God of the inheritance of Israel, Lord of the heavens and earth, Creator of the waters, King of every creature, hear thou my prayer:

13 And make my speech and deceit to be their wound and stripe, who have purposed cruel things against thy covenant, and thy hallowed house, and against the top of Sion, and against the house of the possession of thy children.

14 And make every nation and tribe to acknowledge that thou art the God of all power and might, and that there is none other that protecteth the people of Israel but thou.

CHAP. X.

³ Judith doth set forth herself. ¹⁰ She and her maid go forth into the camp. ¹⁷ The watch take and conduct her to Holofernes.

NOW after that she had ceased to cry unto the God of Israel, and had made an end of all these words,

2 She rose where she had fallen down, and called her maid, and went down into the house, in the which she abode in the sabbath days, and in her feast days,

3 And pulled off the sackcloth which she had on, and put off the garments of her widowhood, and washed her body all over with water, and anointed herself with precious ointment, and braided the hair of her head, and put on a ⁺ tire upon it, and put on her garments of gladness, wherewith she was clad during the life of Manasses her husband.

⁺ Gr. mitre.

4 And she took sandals upon her feet, and put about her her bracelets, and her chains, and her rings, and her earrings, and all her ornaments, and decked herself bravely, to allure the eyes of all men that should see her.

5 Then she gave her maid a bottle of wine, and a cruse of oil, and filled a bag with parched corn, and lumps of figs,

|| Or,
wrapped,
or, packed.

and with fine bread; so she || folded all these things together, and laid them upon her.

6 Thus they went forth to the gate of the city of Bethulia, and found standing there Ozias, and the ancients of the city, Chabris and Charmis.

7 And when they saw her, that her countenance was altered, and her apparel was changed, they wondered at her beauty very greatly, and said unto her,

8 The God, the God of our fathers, give thee favour, and accomplish thine enterprizes to the glory of the children of Israel, and to the exaltation of Jerusalem. Then they worshipped God.

9 And she said unto them, Command the gates of the city to be opened unto me, that I may go forth to accomplish the things whereof ye have spoken with me. So they commanded the young men to open unto her, as she had spoken.

10 And when they had done so, Judith went out, she, and her maid with her; and the men of the city looked after her, until she was gone down the mountain, and till she had passed the valley, and could see her no more.

11 Thus they went straight forth in the valley: and the first watch of the Assyrians met her,

12 And took her, and asked her, Of what people art thou? and whence comest thou? and whither goest thou? And she said, I am a woman of the Hebrews, and am fled from them: for they shall be given you to be consumed:

13 And I am coming before Holofernes the chief captain of your army, to declare words of truth; and I will shew him a way, whereby he shall go, and win all the hill country, without losing the body or life of any one of his men.

14 Now when the men heard her words, and beheld her countenance, they wondered greatly at her beauty, and said unto her,

15 Thou hast saved thy life, in that thou hast hasted to come down to the presence of our lord: now therefore come to his tent, and some of us shall conduct thee, until they have delivered thee to his hands.

16 And when thou standest before

him, be not afraid in thine heart, but shew unto him according to thy word; and he will entreat thee well.

17 Then they chose out of them an hundred men || to accompany her and her maid; and they brought her to the tent of Holofernes.

|| Or, and
they prepared a chariot for her.

18 Then was there a concourse throughout all the camp: for her coming was noised among the tents, and they came about her, as she stood without the tent of Holofernes, till they told him of her.

19 And they wondered at her beauty, and admired the children of Israel because of her, and every one said to his neighbour, Who would despise this people, that have among them such women? surely it is not good that one man of them be left, who being let go might deceive the whole earth.

20 And they that lay near Holofernes went out, and all his servants, and they brought her into the tent.

21 Now Holofernes rested upon his bed under a canopy, which was woven with purple, and gold, and emeralds, and precious stones.

22 So they shewed him of her; and he came out before his tent with silver lamps going before him.

23 And when Judith was come before him and his servants, they all marvelled at the beauty of her countenance; and she fell down upon her face, and did reverence unto him: and his servants took her up.

CHAP. XI.

3 Holofernes asketh Judith the cause of her coming. 6 She telleth him how and when he may prevail. 20 He is much pleased with her wisdom and beauty.

THEN said Holofernes unto her, Woman, be of good comfort, fear not in thine heart: for I never hurt any that was willing to serve Nabuchodonosor, the king of all the earth.

2 Now therefore, if thy people that dwelleth in the mountains had not set light by me, I would not have lifted up my spear against them: but they have done these things to themselves.

3 But now tell me wherefore thou art fled from them, and art come unto us: for thou art come for safeguard; be of good comfort, thou shalt live this night, and hereafter:

4 For none shall hurt thee, but entreat thee well, as they do the servants of king Nabuchodonosor my lord.

5 Then Judith said unto him, Receive the words of thy servant, and suffer thine handmaid to speak in thy presence, and I will declare no lie to my lord this night.

6 And if thou wilt follow the words of thine handmaid, God will bring the thing perfectly to pass by thee; and my lord shall not fail of his purposes.

7 As Nabuchodonosor king of all the earth liveth, and as his power liveth, who hath sent thee for the upholding of every living thing: for not only men shall serve him by thee, but also the beasts of the field, and the cattle, and the fowls of the air, shall live by thy power under Nabuchodonosor and all his house.

|| Or,
in favour.

8 For we have heard of thy wisdom and thy policies, and it is reported in all the earth, that thou only art || excellent in all the kingdom, and mighty in knowledge, and wonderful in feats of war.

^a ch. 5. 5.

|| Or,
gave him.

9 Now as concerning the matter, which ^a Achior did speak in thy council, we have heard his words; for the men of Bethulia || saved him, and he declared unto them all that he had spoken unto thee.

10 Therefore, O lord and governor, reject not his word; but lay it up in thine heart, for it is true: for our nation shall not be punished, neither can the sword prevail against them, except they sin against their God.

11 And now, that my lord be not defeated and frustrate of his purpose, even death is now fallen upon them, and their sin hath overtaken them, wherewith they will provoke their God to anger, whensoever they shall do that which is not fit to be done:

12 For their victuals fail them, and all their water is scant, and they have determined to lay hands upon their cattle, and purposed to consume all those things, that God hath forbidden them to eat by his laws:

13 And are resolved to spend the firstfruits of the corn, and the tenths of wine and oil, which they had sanctified, and reserved for the priests that

serve in Jerusalem before the face of our God; the which things it is not lawful for any of the people so much as to touch with their hands.

14 For they have sent some to Jerusalem, because they also that dwell there have done the like, to bring them a licence from the senate.

15 Now when they shall bring them word, they will forthwith do it, and they shall be given thee to be destroyed the same day.

16 Wherefore I thine handmaid, knowing all this, am fled from their presence; and God hath sent me to work things with thee, whereat all the earth shall be astonished, and whosoever shall hear it.

17 For thy servant is religious, and serveth the God of heaven day and night: now therefore, my lord, I will remain with thee, and thy servant will go out by night into the valley, and I will pray unto God, and he will tell me when they have committed their sins:

18 And I will come and shew it unto thee: then thou shalt go forth with all thine army, and there shall be none of them that shall resist thee.

19 And I will lead thee through the midst of Judea, until thou come before Jerusalem; and I will set thy throne in the midst thereof; and thou shalt drive them as sheep that have no shepherd, and ^b a dog shall not so much as || open his mouth at thee: for || these things were told me according to my foreknowledge, and they were declared unto me, and I am sent to tell thee.

^b Exod. 11. 7.

|| Or, bark.

|| Or, these things have I spoken.

20 Then her words pleased Holofernes and all his servants; and they marvelled at her wisdom, and said,

21 There is not such a woman from one end of the earth to the other, both for beauty of face, and wisdom of words.

22 Likewise Holofernes said unto her, God hath done well to send thee before the people, that strength might be in our hands, and destruction upon them that lightly regard my lord.

23 And now thou art both beautiful in thy countenance, and witty in thy words: surely if thou do as thou hast spoken, thy God shall be my God, and thou shalt dwell in the house of king

Nabuchodonosor, and shalt be renowned through the whole earth.

CHAP. XII.

² Judith will not eat of Holofernes' meat. ⁷ She tarried three days in the camp, and every night went forth to pray. ¹³ Bagoas doth move her to be merry with Holofernes, ²⁰ who for joy of her company drank much.

THEN he commanded to bring her in where his plate was set; and bade that they should prepare for her of his own meats, and that she should drink of his own wine.

*Gen. 43. 32.
Dan. 1. 8.
Tobit 1. 11.

² And Judith said, I *will not eat thereof, lest there be an offence: but provision shall be made for me of the things that I have brought.

³ Then Holofernes said unto her, If thy provision should fail, how should we give thee the like? for there be none with us of thy nation.

⁴ Then said Judith unto him, As thy soul liveth, my lord, thine handmaid shall not spend those things that I have, before the Lord work by mine hand the things that he hath determined.

⁵ Then the servants of Holofernes brought her into the tent, and she slept till midnight, and she arose when it was toward the morning watch,

⁶ And sent to Holofernes, saying, Let my lord now command that thine handmaid may go forth unto prayer.

⁷ Then Holofernes commanded his guard that they should not stay her: thus she abode in the camp three days, and went out in the night into the valley of Bethulia, and washed herself in a fountain of water by the camp.

⁸ And when she came out, she besought the Lord God of Israel to direct her way to the raising up of the children of her people.

⁹ So she came in clean, and remained in the tent, until she did eat her meat at evening.

¹⁰ And in the fourth day Holofernes made a feast to his own servants only, and called none of the officers to the banquet.

¹¹ Then said he to Bagoas the eunuch, who had charge over all that he had, Go now, and persuade this Hebrew woman which is with thee, that she come unto us, and eat and drink with us.

¹² For, lo, it will be a shame for our person, if we shall let such a woman go, not having had her company; for

if we draw her not unto us, she will laugh us to scorn.

¹³ Then went Bagoas from the presence of Holofernes, and came to her, and he said, Let not this fair damsel fear to come to my lord, and to be honoured in his presence, and drink wine, and be merry with us, and be made this day as one of the daughters of the Assyrians, which serve in the house of Nabuchodonosor.

¹⁴ Then said Judith unto him, Who am I now, that I should gainsay my lord? surely whatsoever pleaseth him I will do speedily, and it shall be my joy unto the day of my death.

¹⁵ So she arose, and decked herself with her apparel and all her woman's attire, and her maid went and laid soft skins on the ground for her over against Holofernes, which she had received of Bagoas for her daily use, that she might sit and eat upon them.

¹⁶ Now when Judith came in and sat down, Holofernes his heart was ravished with her, and his mind was moved, and he desired greatly her company; for he waited a time to deceive her, from the day that he had seen her.

¹⁷ Then said Holofernes unto her, Drink now, and be merry with us.

¹⁸ So Judith said, I will drink now, my lord, because my life is magnified in me this day more than all the days since I was born.

¹⁹ Then she took and ate and drank before him what her maid had prepared.

²⁰ And Holofernes took great delight in her, and drank much more wine than he had drunk at any time in one day since he was born.

CHAP. XIII.

² Judith is left alone with Holofernes in his tent. ⁴ She prayeth God to give her strength. ⁸ She cut off his head while he slept, ¹⁰ and returned with it to Bethulia. ¹⁷ They saw it, and commend her.

NOW when the evening was come, his servants made haste to depart, and Bagoas shut his tent without, and dismissed the waiters from the presence of his lord; and they went to their beds: for they were all weary, because the feast had been long.

² And Judith was left alone in the tent, and Holofernes lying along upon his bed: for he was filled with *wine.

³ Now Judith had commanded her

* Ecclus 31.
20, 25.

maid to stand without her bedchamber, and to wait for her coming forth, as she did daily: for she said she would go forth to her prayers, and she spake to Bagoas according to the same purpose.

4 So all went forth, and none was left in the bedchamber, neither little nor great. Then Judith, standing by his bed, said in her heart, O Lord God of all power, look at this present upon the works of mine hands for the exaltation of Jerusalem.

5 For now is the time to help thine inheritance, and to execute mine enterprises to the destruction of the enemies which are risen against us.

6 Then she came to the pillar of the bed, which was at Holofernes' head, and took down his fauchion from thence,

7 And approached to his bed, and took hold of the hair of his head, and said, Strengthen me, O Lord God of Israel, this day.

8 And she smote twice upon his neck with all her might, and she took away his head from him,

9 And tumbled his body down from the bed, and pulled down the canopy from the pillars; and anon after she went forth, and gave Holofernes his head to her maid;

10 And she put it in her bag of meat: so they twain went together according to their custom unto prayer: and when they passed the camp, they compassed the valley, and went up the mountain of Bethulia, and came to the gates thereof.

11 Then said Judith afar off to the watchmen at the gate, Open, open now the gate: God, even our God, is with us, to shew his power yet in Jerusalem, and his forces against the enemy, as he hath even done this day.

12 Now when the men of her city heard her voice, they made haste to go down to the gate of their city, and they called the elders of the city.

13 And then they ran all together, both small and great, for it was strange unto them that she was come: so they opened the gate, and received them, and made a fire for a light, and stood round about them.

14 Then she said to them with a loud voice, Praise, praise God, praise God, I say, for he hath not taken away his

mercy from the house of Israel, but hath destroyed our enemies by mine hands this night.

15 So she took the head out of the bag, and shewed it, and said unto them, Behold the head of Holofernes, the chief captain of the army of Assur, and behold the canopy, wherein he did lie in his drunkenness; and the Lord hath smitten him by the hand of a woman.

16 As the Lord liveth, who hath kept me in my way that I went, my countenance hath deceived him to his destruction, and yet hath he not committed sin with me, to defile and shame me.

17 Then all the people were wonderfully astonished, and bowed themselves, and worshipped God, and said with one accord, Blessed be thou, O our God, which hast this day brought to nought the enemies of thy people.

18 Then said Ozias unto her, O daughter, blessed art thou of the most high God above all the women upon the earth; and blessed be the Lord God, which hath created the heavens and the earth, which hath directed thee to the cutting off of the head of the chief of our enemies.

19 For this thy confidence shall not depart from the heart of men, which remember the power of God for ever.

20 And God turn these things to thee for a perpetual praise, to visit thee in good things, because thou hast not spared thy life for the affliction of our nation, but hast revenged our ruin, walking a straight way before our God. And all the people said, So be it, so be it.

CHAP. XIV.

8 Achior heareth Judith shew what she had done, and is circumcised. 11 The head of Holofernes is hanged up. 15 He is found dead, and much lamented.

THEN said Judith unto them, Hear me now, my brethren, and take this head, and hang it upon the highest place of your walls.

2 And so soon as the morning shall appear, and the sun shall come forth upon the earth, take ye every one his weapons, and go forth every valiant man out of the city, and set ye a captain over them, as though ye would go down into the field toward the watch of the Assyrians; but go not down.

3 Then they shall take their armour, and shall go into their camp, and raise up the captains of the army of Assur, and they shall run to the tent of Holofernes, but shall not find him: then fear shall fall upon them, and they shall flee before your face.

4 So ye, and all that inhabit the coast of Israel, shall pursue them, and overthrow them as they go.

5 But before ye do these things, call me Achior the Ammonite, that he may see and know him that despised the house of Israel, and that sent him to us, as it were to his death.

6 Then they called Achior out of the house of Ozias; and when he was come, and saw the head of Holofernes in a man's hand in the assembly of the people, he fell down on his face, and his spirit failed.

7 But when they had recovered him, he fell at Judith's feet, and revered her, and said, Blessed art thou in all the tabernacle of Juda, and in all nations, which hearing thy name shall be astonished.

8 Now therefore tell me all the things that thou hast done in these days. Then Judith declared unto him in the midst of the people all that she had done, from the day that she went forth until that hour she spake unto them.

9 And when she had left off speaking, the people shouted with a loud voice, and made a joyful noise in their city.

10 And when Achior had seen all that the God of Israel had done, he believed in God greatly, and circumcised the flesh of his foreskin, and was joined unto the house of Israel unto this day.

11 And as soon as the morning arose, they hanged the head of Holofernes upon the wall, and every man took his weapons, and they went forth by bands unto the *||* straits of the mountain.

12 But when the Assyrians saw them, they sent to their leaders, which came to their captains and tribunes, and to every one of their rulers.

13 So they came to Holofernes' tent, and said to him that had the charge of all his things, Waken now our lord: for the slaves have been bold to come down against us to battle, that they may be utterly destroyed.

14 Then went in Bagoas, and knocked at the door of the tent; for he thought that he had slept with Judith.

15 But because none answered, he opened it, and went into the bedchamber, and found him cast upon the floor dead, and his head was taken from him.

16 *||* Therefore he cried with a loud *||* *Then.* voice, with weeping, and sighing, and a mighty cry, and rent his garments.

17 After he went into the tent where Judith lodged: and when he found her not, he leaped out to the people, and cried,

18 These slaves have dealt treacherously; one woman of the Hebrews hath brought shame upon the house of king Nabuchodonosor: for, behold, Holofernes *lieth* upon the ground without a head.

19 When the captains of the Assyrians' army heard these words, they rent their coats, and their minds were wonderfully troubled, and there was a cry and a very great noise throughout the camp.

CHAP. XV.

1 The Assyrians are chased and slain. 8 The high priest cometh to see Judith. 11 The stuff of Holofernes is given to Judith. 13 The women crown her with a garland.

AND when they that were in the tents heard, they were astonished at the thing that was done.

2 And fear and trembling fell upon them, so that there was no man that durst abide in the sight of his neighbour, but rushing out all together, they fled into every way of the plain, and of the hill country.

3 They also that had camped in the mountains round about Bethulia fled away. Then the children of Israel, every one that was a warrior among them, rushed out upon them.

4 Then sent Ozias to Betomasthem, and to Bebai, and Chobai, and Cola, and to all the coasts of Israel, such as should tell the things that were done, and that all should rush forth upon their enemies to destroy them.

5 Now when the children of Israel heard it, they all fell upon them with one consent, and slew them unto Chobai: likewise also they that came from Jerusalem, and from all the hill country, (for men had told them what things were done in the camp of their ene-

|| Or,
ascents.

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overcame.

mies,) and they that were in Galaad, and in Galilee, || chased them with a great slaughter, until they were past Damascus and the borders thereof.

6 And the residue, that dwelt at Bethulia, fell upon the camp of Assur, and spoiled them, and were greatly enriched.

7 And the children of Israel that returned from the slaughter had that which remained; and the villages and the cities, that were in the mountains and in the plain, gat many spoils: for the multitude was very great.

8 Then Joacim the high priest, and the ancients of the children of Israel that dwelt in Jerusalem, came to behold the good things that God had shewed to Israel, and to see Judith, and to salute her.

9 And when they came unto her, they blessed her with one accord, and said unto her, Thou art the exaltation of Jerusalem, thou art the great glory of Israel, thou art the great rejoicing of our nation:

10 Thou hast done all these things by thine hand: thou hast done much good to Israel, and God is pleased therewith: blessed be thou of the Almighty Lord for evermore. And all the people said, So be it.

11 And the people spoiled the camp the space of thirty days: and they gave unto Judith Holofernes his tent, and all his plate, and beds, and vessels, and all his stuff: and she took it, and laid it on her mule; and made ready her carts, and laid them thereon.

12 Then all the women of Israel ran together to see her, and blessed her, and made a dance among them for her: and she took branches in her hand, and gave also to the women that were with her.

13 And they put a garland of olive upon her and her maid that was with her, and she went before all the people in the dance, leading all the women: and all the men of Israel followed in their armour with garlands, and with songs in their mouths.

CHAP. XVI.

¹ The song of Judith. ¹⁹ She dedicateth the stuff of Holofernes. ²³ She died at Bethulia a widow of great honour. ²⁴ All Israel did lament her death.

THEN Judith began to sing this thanksgiving in all Israel, and all the people sang after her || this song of praise.

|| Or, this praising.

2 And Judith said, Begin unto my God with timbrels, sing unto my Lord with cymbals: tune unto him a || new psalm: exalt him, and call upon his name.

|| Or, psalm and praise.

3 For God breaketh the battles: for among the camps in the midst of the people he hath delivered me out of the hands of them that persecuted me.

4 Assur came out of the mountains from the north, he came with ten thousands of his army, the ^a multitude where- of stopped the torrents, and their horsemen have covered the hills.

^a ch. 2. 19.

5 He bragged that he would burn up my borders, and kill my young men with the sword, and dash the sucking children against the ground, and make mine infants as a prey, and my virgins as a spoil.

6 But the Almighty Lord hath disappointed them by the hand of a woman.

7 For the mighty one did not fall by the young men, neither did the sons of the Titans smite him, nor high giants set upon him: but Judith the daughter of Merari weakened him with the beauty of her countenance.

8 For she put off the garment of her widowhood for the exaltation of those that were oppressed in Israel, and anointed her face with ointment, and bound her hair in a [†] tire, and took a linen garment to deceive him.

[†] Gr. mitre.

9 Her sandals ravished his eyes, her beauty took his mind prisoner, and the fauchion passed through his neck.

10 The Persians quaked at her boldness, and the Medes were || daunted at her hardiness.

|| Or, confounded.

11 Then my afflicted shouted for joy, and my weak ones cried aloud; but || they were astonished: these lifted up their voices, but they were overthrown.

|| the Assyrians.

12 The sons of the damsels have pierced them through, and wounded them as fugitives' children: they perished by the battle of the Lord.

13 I will sing unto the Lord || a new song: O Lord, thou art great and glorious, wonderful in strength, and invincible.

|| Or, a song of praise.

14 Let all creatures serve thee: for

thou spakest, and they were made, thou didst send forth thy spirit, and it created them, and there is none that can resist thy voice.

15 For the mountains shall be moved from their foundations with the waters, the rocks shall melt as wax at thy presence: yet thou art merciful to them that fear thee.

16 For all sacrifice is too little for a sweet savour unto thee, and all the fat is not sufficient for thy burnt offering: but he that feareth the Lord is great at all times.

17 Woe to the nations that rise up against my kindred! the Lord Almighty will take vengeance of them in the day of judgment, in putting fire and worms in their flesh; and they shall feel them, and weep for ever.

18 Now as soon as they entered into Jerusalem, they worshipped the Lord; and as soon as the people were purified, they offered their burnt offerings, and their free offerings, and their gifts.

19 Judith also dedicated all the stuff of Holofernes, which the people had given her, and gave the canopy, which she had taken out of his bedchamber, for a gift unto the Lord.

20 So the people continued feasting in Jerusalem before the sanctuary for the space of three months, and Judith remained with them.

21 After this time every one returned to his own inheritance, and Judith went to Bethulia, and remained in her own possession, and was in her time honourable in all the country.

22 And many desired her, but none knew her all the days of her life, after that Manasses her husband was dead, and was gathered to his people.

23 But she increased more and more in honour, and waxed old in her husband's house, being an hundred and five years old, and made her maid free; so she died in Bethulia: and they buried her in the ^{||} cave of her husband Manasses.

^{||} Or, sepulchre.

24 And the house of Israel lamented her ^b seven days: and before she died, she did distribute her goods to all them that were nearest of kindred to Manasses her husband, and to them that were the nearest of her kindred.

^b Gen. 50. 10.

25 And there was none that made the children of Israel any more afraid in the days of Judith, nor a long time after her death.

The rest of the Chapters of the Book of ESTHER, which are found neither in the Hebrew, nor in the Chaldee.

Part of the Tenth Chapter after the Greek.

5 Mardocheus remembereth and expoundeth his dream of the river and the two dragons.

THEN Mardocheus said, God hath done these things.

^a See ch. 11. 2, &c.

5 For I remember ^a a dream which I saw concerning these matters, and nothing thereof hath failed.

6 A little fountain became a river, and there was light, and the sun, and much water: this river is Esther, whom the king married, and made queen:

7 And the two dragons are I and Aman.

8 And the nations were those that were assembled to destroy the name of the Jews:

9 And my nation is this Israel, which cried to God, and were saved: for the

Lord hath saved his people, and the Lord hath delivered us from all those evils, and God hath wrought signs and great wonders, which have not been done among the Gentiles.

10 Therefore hath he made two lots, one for the people of God, and another for all the Gentiles.

11 And these two lots came at the hour, and time, and day of judgment, before God among all nations.

12 So God remembered his people, and justified his inheritance.

13 Therefore those days shall be unto them in the month Adar, the fourteenth and fifteenth day of the same month, with an assembly, and joy, and with gladness before God, according to the generations for ever among his people.

CHAP. XI.

2 The stock and quality of Mardocheus. 6 He dreameth of two dragons coming forth to fight, 10 and of a little fountain, which became a great water.

IN the fourth year of the reign of Ptolemeus and Cleopatra, Dositheus, who said he was a priest and Levite, and Ptolemeus his son, brought this epistle of Phurim, which they said was the same, and that Lysimachus the son of Ptolemeus, that was in Jerusalem, had interpreted it.

2 In the second year of the reign of Artaxerxes the great, in the first day of the month Nisan, Mardocheus the son of Jairus, the son of Semei, the son of Cisai, of the tribe of Benjamin, had a dream;

3 Who was a Jew, and dwelt in the city of Susa, a great man, being a servitor in the king's court.

4 He was also one of the captives, which Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon carried from Jerusalem with Jechonias king of Judea; and this was his dream:

5 Behold a noise of a tumult, with thunder, and earthquakes, and uproar in the land:

6 And, behold, two great dragons came forth ready to fight, and their cry was great.

7 And at their cry all nations were prepared to battle, that they might fight against the righteous people.

8 And lo a day of darkness and obscurity, tribulation and anguish, affliction and great uproar, upon earth.

9 And the whole righteous nation was troubled, fearing their own evils, and were ready to perish.

10 Then they cried unto God, and upon their cry, as it were from a little fountain, was made a great flood, even much water.

11 The light and the sun rose up, and the lowly were exalted, and devoured the glorious.

12 Now when Mardocheus, who had seen this dream, and what God had determined to do, was awake, he bare this dream in mind, and until night by all means was desirous to know it.

CHAP. XII.

2 The conspiracy of the two eunuchs is discovered by Mardocheus, 5 for which he is entertained by the king, and rewarded.

AND Mardocheus took his rest in the court with Gabatha and Tharra, the two eunuchs of the king, and keepers of the palace.

2 ^{* Esth. 2. 21. & 6. 2.} And he heard their devices, and searched out their purposes, and learned that they were about to lay hands upon Artaxerxes the king; and so he certified the king of them.

3 Then the king examined the two eunuchs, and after that they had confessed it, they were strangled.

4 And the king made a record of these things, and Mardocheus also wrote thereof.

5 So the king commanded Mardocheus to serve in the court, and for this he rewarded him.

6 Howbeit Aman the son of Amadathus the Agagite, who was in great honour with the king, sought to molest Mardocheus and his people because of the two eunuchs of the king.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The copy of the king's letters to destroy the Jews. 8 The prayer of Mardocheus for them.

THE copy of the letters was this: ^{Joseph. Antiq. lib. 11. cap. 6.} The great king Artaxerxes writeth these things to the princes and governors that are under him from India unto Ethiopia, in an hundred and seven and twenty provinces.

2 After that I became lord over many nations, and had dominion over the whole world, not lifted up with presumption of my authority, but carrying myself alway with equity and mildness, I purposed to settle my subjects continually in a quiet life, and making my kingdom ^{|| Or, mild.} peaceable, and open for passage to the utmost coasts, to renew peace, which is desired of all men.

3 Now when I asked my counsellors how this might be brought to pass, Aman, that excelled in wisdom among us, and was approved for his constant good will and steadfast fidelity, and had the honour of the second place in the kingdom,

4 Declared unto us, that in all nations throughout the world there was scattered a certain malicious people, that had laws contrary to all nations, and continually despised the commandments of kings, so as the uniting of our

|| Or,
be settled.

kingdoms, honourably intended by us, cannot || go forward.

5 Seeing then we understand that this people alone is continually in opposition unto all men, differing in the strange manner of their laws, and evil affected to our state, working all the mischief they can, that our kingdom may not be firmly established:

|| Or, second
from us.

6 Therefore have we commanded, that all they that are signified in writing unto you by Aman, who is ordained over the affairs, and is || next unto us, shall all, with their wives and children, be utterly destroyed by the sword of their enemies, without all mercy and pity, the fourteenth day of the twelfth month Adar of this present year:

7 That they, who of old and now also are malicious, may in one day with violence go into the grave, and so ever hereafter cause our affairs to be well settled, and without trouble.

8 Then Mardocheus thought upon all the works of the Lord, and made his prayer unto him,

9 Saying, O Lord, Lord, the King Almighty: for the whole world is in thy power, and if thou hast appointed to save Israel, there is no man that can gainsay thee:

10 For thou hast made heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heaven.

11 Thou art Lord of all things, and there is no man that can resist thee, which art the Lord.

12 Thou knowest all things, and thou knowest, Lord, that it was neither in contempt nor pride, nor for any desire of glory, that I did not bow down to proud Aman.

13 For I could have been content with good will for the salvation of Israel to kiss the soles of his feet.

14 But I did this, that I might not prefer the glory of man above the glory of God: neither will I worship any but thee, O God, neither will I do it in pride.

15 And now, O Lord God and King, spare thy people: for their eyes are upon us to bring us to nought; yea, they desire to destroy the inheritance, that hath been thine from the beginning.

16 Despise not the portion, which thou hast delivered out of Egypt for thine own self.

17 Hear my prayer, and be merciful unto thine inheritance: turn our sorrow into joy, that we may live, O Lord, and praise thy name: and || destroy not the mouths of them that praise thee, O Lord. || Or, shut, or, stop not.

18 All Israel in like manner cried most † earnestly unto the Lord, because their death was before their eyes. † Gr. mightily.

CHAP. XIV.

The prayer of queen Esther for herself and her people.

QUEEN Esther also, being in fear of death, resorted unto the Lord:

2 And laid away her glorious apparel, and put on the garments of anguish and mourning: and instead of precious ointments, she covered her head with ashes and dung, and she humbled her body greatly, and all the places of her joy she filled with her torn hair.

3 And she prayed unto the Lord God of Israel, saying, O my Lord, thou only art our King: help me, desolate woman, which have no helper but thee:

4 * For my danger is in mine hand. * 1 Sam. 28. 21.

5 From my youth up I have heard in the tribe of my family, that thou, O Lord, tookest Israel from among all people, and our fathers from all their predecessors, for a perpetual inheritance, and thou hast performed whatsoever thou didst promise them. Job 18. 14. Ps. 119. 109.

6 And now we have sinned before thee: therefore hast thou given us into the hands of our enemies,

7 Because we worshipped their gods: O Lord, thou art righteous.

8 Nevertheless it satisfieth them not, that we are in bitter captivity: but they have stricken hands with their idols,

9 That they will abolish the thing that thou with thy mouth hast ordained, and destroy thine inheritance, and stop the mouth of them that praise thee, and quench the glory of thy house, and of thine altar,

10 And open the mouths of the heathen to set forth the praises of the † idols, and to magnify a fleshly king for ever. † Gr. vain things.

11 O Lord, give not thy sceptre unto

+ Gr. *be not*. them that + be nothing, and let them not laugh at our fall; but turn their device upon themselves, and make him an example, that hath begun this against us.

12 Remember, O Lord, make thyself known in time of our affliction, and give me boldness, O King of the || nations, and Lord of all power.
|| Or, *gods*.

13 Give me eloquent speech in my mouth before the lion: turn his heart to hate him that fighteth against us, that there may be an end of him, and of all that are likeminded to him:

14 But deliver us with thine hand, and help me that am desolate, and which have no other help but thee.

15 Thou knowest all things, O Lord; thou knowest that I hate the glory of the unrighteous, and abhor the bed of the uncircumcised, and of + all the heathen.
+ Gr. *every stranger*.

16 Thou knowest my necessity: for I abhor the sign of my + high estate, which is upon mine head in the days wherein I shew myself, and that I abhor it as a menstruous rag, and that I wear it not when I am + private by myself,
+ Gr. *quiet, or, private*.

17 And that thine handmaid hath not eaten at Aman's table, and that I have not greatly esteemed the king's feast, nor drunk the wine of the drink offerings.

18 Neither had thine handmaid any joy since the day + that I was brought hither to this present, but in thee, O Lord God of Abraham.
+ Gr. *of my change*.

19 O thou mighty God above all, hear the voice of the forlorn, and deliver us out of the hands of the mischievous, and deliver me out of my fear.

CHAP. XV.

6 Esther cometh into the king's presence. 7 He looketh angrily, and she fainteth. 8 The king doth take her up, and comfort her.

AND upon the third day, when she had ended her prayer, she laid away her mourning garments, and put on her glorious apparel.

2 And being gloriously adorned, after she had called upon God, who is the beholder and saviour of all things, she took two maids with her:

3 And upon the one she leaned, as carrying herself || daintily;
|| Or, *delicately*.

4 And the other followed, bearing up her train.

5 And she was || ruddy through the perfection of her beauty, and her countenance was cheerful and || very amiable: but her heart was in anguish for fear.
|| Or, *rose-coloured*.
|| Or, *as amiable, or, smiling*.

6 Then having passed through all the doors, she stood before the king, who sat upon his royal throne, and was clothed with all his robes of majesty, all glittering with gold and precious stones; and he was very dreadful.

7 Then lifting up his countenance that shone with majesty, he looked very fiercely upon her: and the queen fell down, and was pale, and fainted, and bowed herself upon the head of the maid that went || before her.

8 Then God changed the spirit of the king into mildness, who + in a fear leaped from his throne, and took her in his arms, till she came to herself again, and comforted her with loving words, and said unto her,
|| Or, *with her, or, by her*.
+ Gr. *in an agony*.

9 Esther, what is the matter? I am thy brother, be of good cheer:

10 Thou shalt not die, though our commandment be || general: come near.
|| Or, *as well thine as mine*.

11 And so he held up his golden sceptre, and laid it upon her neck,

12 And embraced her, and said, Speak unto me.

13 Then said she unto him, I saw thee, my lord, as an angel of God, and my heart was troubled for fear of thy majesty.

14 For wonderful art thou, lord, and thy countenance is full of grace.

15 And as she was speaking, || she fell down for faintness.
|| Or, *she fell in a swoon*.

16 Then the king was troubled, and all his servants comforted her.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The letter of Artaxerxes, 10 wherein he taxeth Aman, 17 and revoketh the decree procured by Aman to destroy the Jews. 22 and commandeth the day of their deliverance to be kept holy.

THE great king Artaxerxes unto the princes and governors of an hundred and seven and twenty provinces from India unto Ethiopia, and unto all || our faithful subjects, greeting.
Joseph. Antiq. lib. 11. cap. 6.

2 Many, the more often they are honoured with the great bounty of + their gracious princes, the more proud they are waxen,
|| Or, *well affected to our state*.
+ Gr. *their benefactors*.

3 And endeavour to hurt not our subjects only, but not being able to bear abundance, do take in hand to practise also against those that do them good:

4 And take not only thankfulness away from among men, but also lifted up with the glorious words of *||* lewd persons, *||* that were never good, they think to escape the justice of God, that seeth all things, and hateth evil.

|| Or, needy.

|| Or, that never tasted prosperity.

|| Or, of our friends, put in trust to manage the affairs.

5 Oftentimes also fair speech *||* of those, that are put in trust to manage their friends' affairs, hath caused many that are in authority to be partakers of innocent blood, and hath enwrapped them in remediless calamities:

6 Beguiling with the falsehood and deceit of their lewd disposition the innocency and goodness of princes.

7 Now ye may see this, as we have declared, not so much by ancient histories, as ye may, if ye search what hath been wickedly done of late through the pestilent behaviour of them that are unworthily placed in authority.

8 And we must take care for the time to come, that our kingdom may be quiet and peaceable for all men,

9 Both by changing our purposes, and always judging things that are evident with more equal proceeding.

10 For Aman, a Macedonian, the son of Amadatha, being indeed a stranger from the Persian blood, and far distant from our goodness, and as a stranger received of us,

11 Had so far forth obtained the favour that we shew toward every nation, as that he was called our father, and was continually honoured of all men, as the next person unto the king.

12 But he, not bearing his great dignity, went about to deprive us of our kingdom and life:

13 Having by manifold and cunning deceits sought of us the destruction, as well of Mardocheus, who saved our life, and continually procured our good, as also of blameless Esther, partaker

of our kingdom, with their whole nation.

14 For by these means he thought, finding us destitute of friends, to have translated the kingdom of the Persians to the Macedonians.

15 But we find that the Jews, whom this wicked wretch hath delivered to utter destruction, are no evildoers, but live by most just laws:

16 And that they be children of the most high and most mighty living God, who hath *||* ordered the kingdom both unto us and to our progenitors in the most excellent manner.

|| Or, prepared.

17 Wherefore ye shall do well not to put in execution the letters sent unto you by Aman the son of Amadatha.

18 For he, that was the worker of these things, is hanged at the gates of Susa with all his family: God, who ruleth all things, speedily rendering vengeance to him according to his deserts.

19 Therefore ye shall publish the copy of this letter in all places, that the Jews may freely live after their own laws.

20 And ye shall aid them, that even the same day, being the thirteenth day of the twelfth month Adar, they may be avenged on them, who in the time of their affliction shall set upon them.

21 For Almighty God hath turned to joy unto them the day, wherein the chosen people should have perished.

22 Ye shall therefore among your solemn feasts keep it an high day with all feasting:

23 That both now and hereafter there may be safety to us, and the well affected Persians; but to those which do conspire against us a memorial of destruction.

24 Therefore every city and country whatsoever, which shall not do according to these things, shall be destroyed without mercy with fire and sword, and shall be made not only unpassable for men, but also most hateful to wild beasts and fowls for ever.

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON.

CHAP. I.

2 To whom God sheweth himself, 4 and wisdom herself. 6 An evil speaker cannot lie hid. 12 We procure our own destruction: 13 for God created not death.

^a Deu. 1. 16.
¹ Kin. 8. 3.
Ps. 45. 7.
Isai. 56. 1.

LOVE righteousness, ye that be judges of the earth: think of the Lord with a good (heart,) and in simplicity of heart seek him.

² For he will be found of them that tempt him not; and sheweth himself unto such as do not ^b distrust him.

^b Deu. 4. 29.
² Chr. 15. 4.

^{||} Or, maketh manifest.

³ For froward thoughts separate from God: and his power, when it is tried, ^{||} reproveth the unwise.

⁴ For into a malicious soul wisdom shall not enter; nor dwell in the body that is subject unto sin.

^c Jer. 4. 22.

⁵ ^c For the holy spirit of discipline will flee deceit, and remove from thoughts that are without understanding, and ^{||} will not abide when unrighteousness cometh in.

^{||} Or, is rebuked, or, sheweth itself.

^d Gal. 5. 22.

⁶ For wisdom is a ^d loving spirit; and will not acquit a blasphemer of his ^{||} words: for God is witness of his reins, and a true beholder of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue.

^{||} Or, lips.

⁷ For the Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: and that which ^{||} containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice.

^{||} Or, upholdeth.

⁸ Therefore he that speaketh unrighteous things cannot be hid: neither shall vengeance, when it punisheth, pass by him.

⁹ For inquisition shall be made into the counsels of the ungodly: and the sound of his words shall come unto the Lord for the ^{||} manifestation of his wicked deeds.

^{||} Or, reproving.

¹⁰ For the ear of jealousy heareth all things: and the noise of murmurings is not hid.

¹¹ Therefore beware of murmuring, which is unprofitable; and refrain your tongue from backbiting: for there is no word so secret, that shall go for nought: and the mouth that ^{||} belbeth slayeth the soul.

^{||} Or, slandereth.

¹² Seek not death in the error of your life: and pull not upon yourselves ^c destruction with the works of your hands.

^e Deut. 4. 23, 24.

¹³ For God made not death: ^f neither hath he pleasure in the destruction of the living.

^f Ezek. 18. 32. & 33. 11.

¹⁴ For he created all things, that they might have their being: ^g and the generations of the world were healthful; and there is no poison of destruction in them, nor the kingdom of death upon the earth:

^g Gen. 1. 31.

¹⁵ (For righteousness is immortal:)

¹⁶ But ungodly men with their works and words called *it* to them: for when they thought to have it their friend, they consumed to nought, and made a covenant with it, because they are worthy to take part with it.

CHAP. II.

¹ *The wicked think this life short, 5 and of no other after this: 6 therefore they will take their pleasure in this, 10 and conspire against the just. 21 What that is which doth blind them.*

FOR the *ungodly* said, reasoning with themselves, but not aright, ^a Our life is short and tedious, ^b and in the death of a man there is no remedy: neither was there any man known to have returned from the grave.

^a Job 7. 1.

^b Mat. 22. 23.
¹ Cor. 15. 32.

² For we are born at all adventure: and we shall be hereafter as though we had never been: for the breath in our nostrils is as smoke, and a little spark in the moving of our heart:

³ Which being extinguished, ^c our body shall be turned into ashes, and our spirit shall vanish as the ^{||} soft air,

^c Eccles. 3. 20.

^{||} Or, moist.

⁴ And our name shall be forgotten in time, and no man shall have our works in remembrance, and our life shall pass away as the trace of a cloud, and shall be dispersed as a mist, that is driven away with the beams of the sun, and ^{||} overcome with the heat thereof.

^{||} Or, oppressed.
^d 1 Chron. 29. 15.

⁵ ^d For our time is a very shadow that passeth away; and after our end there is no returning: for ^{||} it is fast sealed, so that no man cometh again.

^{||} Or, he.

⁶ Come on therefore, let us enjoy the good things ^e that are present: and let us ^{||} speedily use the creatures like as in youth.

^e Is. 22. 13. & 56. 12.
¹ Cor. 15. 32.
^{||} Or, earnestly.

⁷ Let us fill ourselves with costly wine and ointments: and let no flower of the spring pass by us:

8 Let us crown ourselves with rosebuds, before they be withered:

9 Let none of us go without his part of our ||voluptuousness: let us leave tokens of our joyfulness in every place: for this is our portion, and our lot is this.

10 Let us oppress the poor righteous man, let us not spare the widow, nor reverence the ancient gray hairs of the aged.

11 Let our strength be the law of justice: for that which is feeble is found to be nothing worth.

12 Therefore let us lie in wait for the righteous; because he is not for our turn, and he is clean contrary to our doings: he upbraideth us with our offending the law, and objecteth to our infamy the transgressings of our education.

^f Matt. 27. 43.

^g John 19. 7.

^g John 7. 7. Eph. 5. 13.

^h Isai. 53. 3.

|| Or, false coin.

ⁱ Num. 23. 10.

^k Ps. 22. 8, 9. Matt. 27. 43.

ⁱ Jer. 11. 19.

+ Gr. preferred, or, esteemed the reward.

^m Gen. 1. 26, 27. & 5. 1. Eccles. 17. 8.

13 He professeth to have the knowledge of God: and ^fhe calleth himself the child of the Lord.

14 He was made ^gto reprove our thoughts.

15 ^hHe is grievous unto us even to behold: for his life is not like other men's, his ways are of another fashion.

16 We are esteemed of him as ||counterfeits: he abstaineth from our ways as from filthiness: ⁱhe pronounceth the end of the just to be blessed, and maketh his boast that God is his father.

17 Let us see if his words be true: and let us prove what shall happen in the end of him.

18 For if the just man be the ^kson of God, he will help him, and deliver him from the hand of his enemies.

19 Let us ⁱexamine him with despitefulness and torture, that we may know his meekness, and prove his patience.

20 Let us condemn him with a shameful death: for by his own saying he shall be respected.

21 Such things they did imagine, and were deceived: for their own wickedness hath blinded them.

22 As for the mysteries of God, they knew them not: neither hoped they for the wages of righteousness, nor ⁺discerned a reward for blameless souls.

23 For God created man to be immortal, and made him to be an ^mimage of his own eternity.

24 ^aNevertheless through envy of the devil came death into the world: and they that do hold of his side do find it.

CHAP. III.

¹ The godly are happy in their death, ⁵ and in their troubles: ¹⁰ the wicked are not, nor their children: ¹³ but they that are pure are happy, though they have no children: ¹⁶ for the adulterer and his seed shall perish.

BUT ^athe souls of the righteous ^aDeu. 32. 3. are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them.

2 ^bIn the sight of the unwise they ^bch. 5. 4. seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery,

3 And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace.

4 For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their ^chope full of immortality. ^cRom. 8. 24. ² Cor. 5. 1. ¹ Pet. 1. 13.

5 And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly ||rewarded: for God ^dproved them, and found them ||worthy for himself. ^dEx. 16. 4. Deut. 8. 2.

6 ^eAs gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. ^eZech. 13. 9. Mal. 3. 3. Eccles. 2. 5.

7 And in the time of their visitation ^fthey shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. ^fMatt. 13. 43.

8 They ^gshall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever. ^gMatt. 19. 28. ¹ Cor. 6. 2.

9 They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth: ||and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: ^hfor grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect. ^hch. 4. 15. ¹ Matt. 25. 41.

10 But the ⁱungodly shall be punished according to their own imaginations, which have neglected the righteous, and forsaken the Lord.

11 For whoso despiseth wisdom and nurture, he is miserable, and their hope is vain, their labours unfruitful, and their works unprofitable:

12 Their wives are ||foolish, and their children wicked: ^{|| Or, fight, or, unchaste.}

13 Their offspring is cursed. Wherefore blessed is the barren that is undefiled, which hath not known the sinful bed: she ^kshall have fruit in the visitation of souls. ^kIs. 56. 5.

14 And *blessed* is the ^leunuch, which ^lIs. 56. 4, 5. with his hands hath wrought no iniquity, nor imagined wicked things against God: for unto him shall be given ⁺the special gift of faith, and an inheritance ⁺Gr. the chosen.

|| Or, among the people. || in the temple of the Lord more acceptable to his mind.

15 For glorious is the fruit of good labours: and the root of wisdom shall never fall away.

|| Or, be partakers of holy things. 16 As for the children of adulterers, they shall not || come to their perfection, and the seed of an unrighteous bed shall be rooted out.

17 For though they live long, yet shall they be nothing regarded: and their last age shall be without honour.

|| Or, hearing. 18 Or, if they die quickly, they have no hope, neither comfort in the day of || trial.

19 For horrible is the end of the unrighteous generation.

CHAP. IV.

1 The chaste man shall be crowned. 3 Bastard slips shall not thrive. 6 They shall witness against their parents. 7 The just die young, and are happy. 19 The miserable end of the wicked.

|| Or, approved. **B**BETTER it is to have no children, and to have virtue: for the memorial thereof is immortal: because it is || known with God, and with men.

2 When it is present, men take example at it; and when it is gone, they desire it: * it weareth a crown, and triumpheth for ever, having gotten the victory, striving for undefiled rewards.

3 But the multiplying brood of the ungodly shall not thrive, nor take deep rooting from bastard slips, nor lay any fast foundation.

^b Mat. 7. 19. 4 For though they flourish in branches for a time; ^b yet standing not fast, they shall be shaken with the wind, and through the force of winds they shall be rooted out.

^c ch. 3. 16. 5 The ^c imperfect branches shall be broken off, their fruit unprofitable, not ripe to eat, yea, meet for nothing.

⁺ Gr. sleeps. 6 For children begotten of unlawful ⁺ beds are witnesses of wickedness against their parents in their trial.

7 But though the righteous be prevented with death, yet shall he be in rest.

8 For honourable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years.

9 But wisdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age.

^d Gen. 5. 24. ^e Heb. 11. 5. ^f See Is. 57. 1. 10 ^e He pleased God, and was beloved of him: so that living among sinners he was translated.

11 Yea, speedily was he taken away, lest that wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul.

12 For the bewitching of naughtiness doth obscure things that are honest; and the wandering of concupiscence doth ⁺ undermine the simple mind.

13 He, being made || perfect in a short time, fulfilled a long time:

14 For his soul pleased the Lord: therefore hasted he to take him away from among the wicked.

15 This the people saw, and understood it not, neither laid they up this in their minds, * That his grace and mercy is with his saints, and that he hath respect unto his chosen.

16 Thus the righteous that is dead shall ^f condemn the ungodly which are living; and youth that is soon perfected the many years and old age of the unrighteous.

17 For they shall see the end of the wise, and shall not understand what God in his counsel hath decreed of him, and to what end the Lord hath set him in safety.

18 They shall see him, and despise him; but God shall laugh them to scorn: and they shall hereafter be a vile carcase, and a reproach among the dead for evermore.

19 For he shall rend them, and cast them down headlong, that they shall be speechless; and he shall shake them from the foundation; and they shall be utterly laid waste, and be in sorrow; and their memorial shall perish.

20 And || when they cast up the accounts of their sins, they shall come with fear: and their own iniquities shall convince them to their face.

|| Or, to the casting up of the account.

• CHAP. V.

1 The wicked shall wonder at the godly, 4 and confess their error, 5 and the vanity of their lives. 15 God will reward the just, 17 and war against the wicked.

THEN shall the righteous man stand in great boldness before the face of such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labours.

2 When they see it, they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, so far beyond all that they looked for.

3 And they repenting and groaning

⁺ Gr. pervert.
|| Or, sanctified, or, consummated,
Heb. 12. 23.

^{*} ch. 8. 9.

^f Matt. 12. 41, 42.

for anguish of spirit shall say within themselves, This was he, whom we had sometimes in derision, and a || proverb of reproach :

|| Or, *parable*.

* ch. 3. 2.

4 * We fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honour :

5 How is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints !

6 Therefore have we erred from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness hath not shined unto us, and the sun of righteousness rose not upon us.

|| Or, *filled ourselves*, or, *surfeited*.

7 We || wearied ourselves in the way of wickedness and destruction : yea, we have gone through deserts, where there lay no way : but as for the way of the Lord, we have not known it.

8 What hath pride profited us ? or what good hath riches with *our* vaunting brought us ?

b 1 Chron. 29. 15. ch. 2. 5.

9 All those things are ^b passed away like a shadow, and as a post that hastened by ;

c Prov. 30. 19.

10 And ^c as a ship that passeth over the waves of the water, which when it is gone by, the trace thereof cannot be found, neither the pathway of the keel in the waves ;

d Prov. 30. 19.

|| Or, *fieth*.

11 ^d Or as when a bird || hath flown through the air, there is no token of her way to be found, but the light air being beaten with the stroke of her wings, and parted with the violent noise and motion of them, is passed through, and therein afterwards no sign where she went is to be found ;

12 Or like as when an arrow is shot at a mark, it parteth the air, which immediately cometh together again, so that a man cannot know where it went through :

13 Even so we in like manner, as soon as we were born, began to draw to our end, and had no sign of virtue to shew ; but were consumed in our own wickedness.

e Job 8. 14.

† Gr. *blow down*.

|| Or, *chaff*.

† Ps. 1. 4. & 108. 16. Prov. 10. 25. & 11. 7. James 1. 10. 11.

14 ^e For the hope of the ungodly is like † dust that is blown away with the wind ; like a thin froth that is driven away with the storm ; like as the || smoke which is ^f dispersed here and there with a tempest, and passeth away as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but a day.

15 But the righteous live for evermore ; ^g their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most High.

g Gen. 15. 1. Rev. 22. 12.

16 Therefore shall they receive a glorious || kingdom, and ^h a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand : for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them.

|| Or, *palace* : unless the word be taken improperly, as 2 Mac. 2. 17. h ch. 4. 2. 2 Tim. 4. 8. Rev. 4. 4. & 9. 7. i Is. 59. 16, 17.

17 ⁱ He shall take to him his jealousy for complete armour, and make the creature his weapon for the revenge of *his* enemies.

18 He shall put on righteousness as a breastplate, and true judgment instead of an helmet.

19 He shall take || holiness for an invincible shield.

|| Or, *equity*.

20 His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword, and the world shall fight with him against the unwise.

21 Then shall the right aiming thunderbolts go abroad ; and from the clouds, as from a well drawn bow, shall they fly to the mark.

22 And hailstones full of wrath shall be cast *as* out of a stone bow, and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the floods shall cruelly drown them.

23 Yea, a mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away : thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill dealing shall overthrow the thrones of the mighty.

CHAP. VI.

1 Kings must give ear. 3 They have their power from God, 5 who will not spare them. 12 Wisdom is soon found. 21 Princes must seek for it : 24 for a wise prince is the stay of his people.

* **H**EAR therefore, O ye kings, and understand ; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth.

* Ps. 2. 10.

2 Give ear, ye that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations.

3 For ^b power is given you of the Lord, and sovereignty from the Highest, who shall try your works, and search out your counsels.

b Rom. 13. 1, 2.

4 Because, being ministers of his kingdom, ye have not judged aright, nor kept the law, nor walked after the counsel of God ;

5 Horribly and speedily shall he come upon you : for a sharp judgment shall be to them that be in high places.

* Luke 12.
47, 48.

6 For ^cmercy will soon pardon the meanest: but mighty men shall be mightily tormented.

^d Deut. 10.
17. 2 Chr.
19. 7.
Job 34. 19.
Eccles. 35.
12.—16.
Acts 10. 34.
Rom. 2. 11.
Gal. 2. 6.
Eph. 6. 9.
Colos. 3. 25.
1 Pet. 1. 17.

7 For he which is Lord over all shall fear no ^dman's person, neither shall he stand in awe of any man's greatness: for he hath made the small and great, and careth for all alike.

8 But a sore trial shall come upon the mighty.

9 Unto you therefore, O kings, do I speak, that ye may learn wisdom, and not fall away.

|| Or,
justified.

10 For they that keep holiness holily shall be ||judged holy: and they that have learned such things shall find || what to answer.

|| Or,
a defence.

11 Wherefore set your affection upon my words; desire them, and ye shall be instructed.

* Deut. 30.
11, &c.
John 7. 17.

12 Wisdom is glorious, and never fadeth away: yea, ^cshe is easily seen of them that love her, and found of such as seek her.

13 She preventeth them that desire her, in making herself first known unto them.

14 Whoso seeketh her early shall have no great travail: for he shall find her sitting at his doors.

15 To think therefore upon her is perfection of wisdom: and whoso watcheth for her shall quickly be without care.

16 For she goeth about seeking such as are worthy of her, sheweth herself favourably unto them in the ways, and meeteth them in every thought.

|| Or,
nurture.

17 For the very true beginning of her is the desire of ||discipline; and the care of discipline is love;

18 And love is the keeping of her laws; and the giving heed unto her laws is the assurance of incorruption;

19 And incorruption maketh us near unto God:

20 Therefore the desire of wisdom bringeth to a kingdom.

21 If your delight be then in thrones and sceptres, O ye kings of the people, honour wisdom, that ye may reign for evermore.

22 As for wisdom, what she is, and how she came up, I will tell you, and will not hide mysteries from you: but will seek her out from the beginning of her nativity, and bring the know-

ledge of her into light, and will not pass over the truth.

23 Neither will I go with consuming envy; for such a man shall have no fellowship with wisdom.

24 But the multitude of the wise is the welfare of the world: and a wise king is the upholding of the people.

25 Receive therefore instruction through my words, and it shall do you good.

CHAP. VII.

1 All men have their beginning and end alike. 8 He preferred wisdom before all things else. 15 God gave him all the knowledge which he had. 22 The praise of wisdom.

I MYSELF also am a mortal man, like to all, and the offspring of him that was first made of the earth,

2 And in my mother's womb was fashioned to be flesh in the time of ten months, ^abeing compacted in blood, of the seed of man, and the pleasure that came with ^bsleep. * Job 10. 10.
b ch. 4. 6.

3 And when I was born, I drew in the common air, and fell upon the earth, which is of like nature, and the first voice which I uttered was crying, as all others do.

4 I was nursed in swaddling clothes, and that with cares.

5 For there is no king that had any other beginning of birth.

6 ^cFor all men have one entrance into life, and the like going out. * Job 1. 21.
1 Tim. 6. 7.

7 Wherefore ^dI prayed, and understanding was given me: I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. d 1 Kin. 3.
7, &c.

8 I ^epreferred her before sceptres and thrones, and esteemed riches nothing in comparison of her. * Job 28. 15,
&c.
Prov. 3. 14,
15, & 8. 10,
11.

9 Neither compared I unto her any ^fprecious stone, because all gold in respect of her is as a little sand, and silver shall be counted as clay before her. + Gr. stone
of inestimable
price.

10 I loved her above health and beauty, and chose to have her instead of light: for the light that cometh from her never goeth out.

11 ^fAll good things together came to me with her, and innumerable riches in her hands. f 1 Kin. 3. 13.
Prov. 3. 16.
Matt. 6. 33.

12 And I rejoiced in *them* all, because wisdom goeth before them: and I knew not that she was the mother of them.

13 I learned ^gdiligently, and do com- + Gr. with-
out guile.

† Gr. with-
out envy.

municate *her* † liberally: I do not hide her riches.

|| Or, enter
friendship
with God.

14 For she is a treasure unto men that never faileth: which they that use || become the friends of God, being commended for the gifts that come from learning.

|| Or, God
grant.

15 || God hath granted me to speak as I would, and to conceive as is meet for the things that || are given me: because it is he that leadeth unto wisdom, and directeth the wise.

|| Or, are to
be spoken of.

16 For in his hand are both we and our words; all wisdom also, and knowledge of workmanship.

17 For he hath given me certain knowledge of the things that are, namely, to know how the world was made, and the operation of the elements:

18 The beginning, ending, and midst of the times: the alterations of the turning of the sun, and the change of seasons:

19 The circuits of years, and the positions of stars:

20 The natures of living creatures, and the furies of wild beasts: the violence of winds, and the reasonings of men: the diversities of plants, and the virtues of roots:

21 And all such things as are either secret or manifest, them I know.

g ch. 8. 5.

22 For wisdom, ^g which is the worker of all things, taught me: for in her is an understanding spirit, holy, † one only, manifold, subtil, lively, clear, undefiled, plain, not subject to hurt, loving the thing that is good, quick, which cannot be letted, ready to do good,

† Gr. only
begotten.

23 Kind to man, stedfast, sure, free from care, having all power, overseeing all things, and going through all understanding, pure, and most subtil, spirits.

24 For wisdom is more moving than any motion: she passeth and goeth through all things by reason of her pureness.

|| Or, vapour.

25 For she is the || breath of the power of God, and a pure || influence flowing from the glory of the Almighty: therefore can no defiled thing fall into her.

|| Or, stream.

^h Heb. 1. 8.

26 For she is the ^h brightness of the everlasting light, the unspotted mirror of the power of God, and ⁱ the image of his goodness.

ⁱ 2 Cor. 4. 4.
Col. 1. 15.

27 And being but one, she can do all things: and remaining in herself, she || maketh all things new: and in all ages entering into holy souls, she maketh them friends of God, and prophets. || Or, createth.

28 For God loveth none but him that dwelleth with wisdom.

29 For she is more beautiful than the sun, and above all the order of stars: being compared with the light, she is found before it.

30 For after this cometh night: but vice shall not prevail against wisdom.

CHAP. VIII.

² He is in love with wisdom: ⁴ for he that hath it hath every good thing. ²¹ It cannot be had but from God.

WISDOM reacheth from one end to another mightily: and || sweetly doth she order all things. || Or, profitably.

2 I loved her, and sought *her* out from my youth, I desired || to make *her* my spouse, and I was a lover of her beauty. || Or, to marry her to myself.

3 In that she is conversant with God, she magnifieth her nobility: yea, the Lord of all things himself loved her.

4 For she is || privy to the mysteries of the knowledge of God, and a || lover of his works. || Or, teacher.
|| Or, chooser.

5 If riches be a possession to be desired in this life; ^a what is richer than wisdom, ^b that worketh all things? ^a ch. 7. 8, 9.
^b ch. 7. 22.

6 And if ^c prudence work; who of all that are is a more cunning workman than she? ^c Exod. 31. 3, 6.

7 And if a man love righteousness, her labours are virtues: for she teacheth temperance and prudence, justice and fortitude: which are such things, as men can have nothing more profitable in their life.

8 If a man desire much experience, she knoweth things of old, and conjectureth *aright* what is to come: she knoweth the subtilties of speeches, and can expound dark sentences: she foreseeth signs and wonders, and the events of seasons and times.

9 Therefore I purposed to take her to me to live with me, knowing that she † would be a counsellor of good things, and a comfort in cares and grief. † Gr. will.

10 For her sake I shall have estimation among the multitude, and honour with the elders, though I be young.

11 ^d I shall be found of a quick con- ^d 1 Kings 3. 28.

ceit in judgment, and shall be admired in the sight of great men.

^e Job 29. 8, 9, 10.

12 * When I hold my tongue, they shall bide my leisure, and when I speak, they shall give good ear unto me: if I talk much, they shall lay their hands upon their mouth.

^f ver. 17.

13 Moreover ^fby the means of her I shall obtain immortality, and leave behind me an everlasting memorial to them that come after me.

^{||} Or, govern.

14 I shall ^{||}set the people in order, and the nations shall be subject unto me.

15 Horrible tyrants shall be afraid, when they do but hear of me; I shall ^{||}be found good among the multitude, and valiant in war.

^{||} Or, appear.

^{||} Or, Being entered into mine house.

16 ^{||}After I am come into mine house, I will repose myself with her: for her conversation hath no bitterness; and to live with her hath no sorrow, but mirth and joy.

^g Prov. 7. 3.

17 Now when I considered these things in myself, and ^gpondered them in my heart, how that to be allied unto wisdom ^his immortality;

^h ver. 13.

18 And great pleasure it is to have her friendship; and in the works of her hands are infinite riches; and in the exercise of conference with her, prudence; and in talking with her, a ^{||}good report; I went about seeking how to ^{||}take her to me.

^{||} Or, fame.

^{||} Or, marry her.

19 For I was a witty child, and had a good spirit.

20 Yea rather, being good, I came into a body undefiled.

21 Nevertheless, when I perceived that I could not otherwise obtain her, except God gave her me; and that was a point of wisdom also to know whose gift she was; I ^{||}prayed unto the Lord, and besought him, and with my whole heart I said,

^{||} Or, went.

CHAP. IX.

¹ A prayer unto God for his wisdom, ⁶ without which the best man is nothing worth, ¹³ neither can he tell how to please God.

O GOD of my fathers, and Lord of mercy, * who hast made all things with thy word,

^a Gen. 1. Ps. 33. 9. John 1. 3.

2 And ordained man through thy wisdom, that he should ^bhave dominion over the creatures which thou hast made,

^b Gen. 1. 28. Ps. 8. 6.

3 And order the world according to equity and righteousness, and execute judgment with an upright heart:

4 Give ^cme wisdom, that sitteth by thy throne; and reject me not from among thy children:

^c 1 Kings 3. 9.

5 For I ^dthy servant and son of thine handmaid am a feeble person, and of a short time, and too young for the understanding of judgment and laws.

^d Ps. 86. 16. & 116. 16.

6 For though a man be never so perfect among the children of men, yet if thy wisdom be not with him, he shall be nothing regarded.

7 Thou hast chosen me to be a ^eking of thy people, and a judge of thy sons and daughters:

^e 1 Chron. 28. 5. 2 Chron. 1. 9.

8 ^fThou hast commanded me to build a temple upon thy holy mount, and an altar in the city wherein thou dwellest, ^ga resemblance of the holy tabernacle, ^hwhich thou hast prepared from the beginning.

^f 2 Sam. 7. 12, 13.

^g Heb. 8. 5.

^h Mat. 25. 34. Heb. 11. 10.

9 And ⁱwisdom was with thee: which knoweth thy works, and was present when thou madest the world, and knew what was acceptable in thy sight, and right in thy commandments.

ⁱ Prov. 8. 22. John 1. 1, 2, 3, 10.

10 O send her out of thy holy heavens, and from the throne of thy glory, that being present she may labour with me, that I may know what is pleasing unto thee.

11 For she knoweth and understandeth all things, and she shall lead me soberly in my doings, and preserve me ^{||}in her power.

^{||} Or, by her power, or, glory.

12 So shall my works be acceptable, and then shall I judge thy people righteously, and be worthy to sit in my father's seat.

13 For ^kwhat man is he that can know the counsel of God? or who can think what the will of the Lord is?

^k Isai. 40. 13. Eccles. 1. 6. Rom. 11. 34. 1 Cor. 2. 16.

14 For the thoughts of mortal men are ^{||}miserable, and our devices are but uncertain.

^{||} Or, fearful.

15 For the corruptible body presseth down the soul, and ^lthe earthy tabernacle weigheth down the mind that museth upon many things.

^l 2 Cor. 5. 1, 4.

16 And hardly do we guess aright at things that are upon earth, and with labour do we find the things that are [†]before us: but the things that are in heaven who hath searched out?

[†] Gr. at hand.

^m 1 Cor. 2. 10. 17 And thy counsel who hath known, except thou give wisdom, and send thy Holy Spirit from above?

18 For so the ways of them which lived on the earth were reformed, and men were taught the things that are pleasing unto thee, and were saved through wisdom.

CHAP. X.

¹ What wisdom did for Adam, ⁴ Noe, ⁵ Abraham, ⁶ Lot, and against the five cities, ¹⁰ for Jacob, ¹³ Joseph, ¹⁶ Moses, ¹⁷ and the Israelites.

SHE preserved the first formed father of the world, that was created alone, and brought him out of his fall,

^a Gen. 1. 28. 2 And ^a gave him power to rule all things.

^b Gen. 4. 8. 3 ^b But when the unrighteous went away from her in his anger, he perished also in the fury wherewith he murdered his brother.

^c Gen. 7. 19, 21, 22, 23. 2 Pet. 2. 5. 4 For whose cause the ^c earth being drowned with the flood, wisdom again preserved it, and directed the course of the righteous in a piece of wood of small value.

^d Gen. 11. 9. 5 Moreover, ^d the nations in their wicked conspiracy being confounded, she found out the righteous, and preserved him blameless unto God, and ^e kept him strong ^e against his tender compassion toward his son.

^f Gen. 19. 16. 2 Pet. 2. 7. 6 ^f When the ungodly perished, she delivered ^g the righteous man, who fled from the fire which fell down upon [†] the five cities.

[†] Gr. Pentapolis. 7 Of whose wickedness even to this day the waste land that smoketh is a testimony, and plants bearing fruit that never come to ripeness: and ^h a standing pillar of salt is a monument of an unbelieving soul.

^h Gen. 19. 26. 8 For regarding not wisdom, they gat not only this hurt, that they knew not the things which were good; but also left behind them to the world a memorial of their foolishness: so that in the things wherein they offended they could not so much as be hid.

9 But wisdom delivered from pain those that attended upon her.

ⁱ Gen. 28. 5, 12. 10 When ⁱ the righteous fled from his brother's wrath, she guided him in right paths, shewed him the kingdom of God, and gave him knowledge of holy things,

made him rich in his travels, and multiplied *the fruit of his labours*.

11 ^k In the covetousness of such as ^k Gen. 31. oppressed him she stood by him, and made him rich.

12 She defended him from his enemies, and kept him safe from those that lay in wait, and ^l in a sore conflict she gave him the victory; that he might know that godliness is stronger than all. ^l Gen. 32. 24.

13 ^m When the righteous was sold, she forsook him not, but delivered him from sin: ⁿ she went down with him into the pit, ^m Gen. 37. 28. & 39. 7. Acts 7. 10. ⁿ Gen. 39. 21. & 41. 14, 40, 41.

14 And left him not in bonds, till she brought him the sceptre of the kingdom, and ^o power against those that oppressed him: as for them that had accused him, she shewed them to be liars, and gave him perpetual glory. ^o Or, the power of them that ruled over him.

15 ^p She delivered the ^o righteous people and blameless seed from the nation that oppressed them. ^p Ex. 1. 12. & 12. 42. ^o Or, holy.

16 ^p She entered into the soul of ^q the servant of the Lord, and ^r withstood dreadful kings in wonders and signs; ^q Ex. 3. 12. ^r Josh. 1. 1. Ps. 105. 26. Heb. 3. 5.

17 Rendered to the righteous a reward of their labours, guided them in a marvellous way, ^s and was unto them for a cover by day, and a ^t light of stars in the night season; ^s Ex. 5. 1. & 7. 10. & 8. & 9. & 10. & 11, & 12, & 13. Ps. 105. 27, &c. ^t Ps. 105. 39. ^o Or, flame.

18 ^u Brought them through the Red sea, and led them through much water: ^u Ex. 14. 21, 22, 29. Ps. 78. 13.

19 ^v But she drowned their enemies, and cast them up out of the bottom of the deep. ^v Ex. 14. 27, 28.

20 Therefore the righteous spoiled the ungodly, and ^x praised thy holy name, O Lord, and magnified with one accord thine hand, that fought for them. ^x Ex. 15. 1.

21 For wisdom opened the mouth of the dumb, and made the tongues of them that cannot speak eloquent.

CHAP. XI.

⁵ The Egyptians were punished, and the Israelites reserved in the same thing. ¹⁵ They were plagued by the same things wherein they sinned. ¹⁷ God could have destroyed them otherwise, ²³ but he is merciful to all.

SHE prospered their works in the hand of the holy prophet.

2 ^a They went through the wilderness that was not inhabited, and pitched tents in places where there lay no way. ^a Ex. 16. 1.

3 ^b They stood against their enemies, and were avenged of their adversaries. ^b Ex. 17. 10, 11, 13.

4 When they were thirsty, they called upon thee, and ^c water was given them. ^c Ex. 17. 6. Num. 20. 11.

out of the flinty rock, and their thirst was quenched out of the hard stone.

5 For by what things their enemies were punished, by the same they in their need were benefited.

^a Ex. 7. 17. 6 For instead of a fountain of a perpetual running river ^atroubled with foul blood,

^a Ex. 1. 22. ch. 18. 5. 7 For a manifest reproof of ^athat commandment, whereby the infants were slain, thou gavest unto them abundance of water by a means which they hoped not for:

^a Ex. 7. 20. 8 Declaring by that thirst then ^ahow thou hadst punished their adversaries.

9 For when they were tried, albeit but in mercy chastised, they knew how the ungodly were judged in wrath and tormented, thirsting in another manner than the just.

10 For these thou didst admonish and try, as a father: but the other, as a severe king, thou didst condemn and punish.

11 Whether they were absent or present, they were vexed alike.

12 For a double grief came upon them, and a groaning for the remembrance of things past.

13 For when they heard by their own punishments the other to be benefited, they ^{||} had some feeling of the Lord.

^{||} Or, perceived.

14 For whom they rejected with scorn, when he was long before thrown out at the casting forth of the infants, him in the end, when they saw what came to pass, they admired.

15 But for the foolish devices of their wickedness, wherewith being deceived they worshipped serpents void of reason, and vile beasts, thou didst send a multitude of unreasonable beasts upon them for vengeance;

^a ch. 12. 23. 16 That they might know, that ^awherewithal a man sinneth, by the same also shall he be punished.

17 For thy Almighty hand, that made the world of matter without form, wanted not means to send among them a multitude of bears, or fierce lions,

18 Or unknown wild beasts, full of rage, newly created, breathing out either a fiery vapour, or filthy scents of scattered smoke, or shooting horrible sparkles out of their eyes:

19 Whereof not only the harm might

dispatch them at once, but also the terrible sight utterly destroy them.

20 Yea, and without these might they have fallen down with one blast, being persecuted of vengeance, and scattered abroad through the breath of thy power: but thou hast ordered all things in measure and number and weight.

21 For thou canst shew thy great strength at all times when thou wilt; and who may withstand the power of thine arm?

22 For the whole world before thee is ^b as a ^{||} little grain of the balance, yea, ^b Is. 40. 15. as a drop of the morning dew that falleth down upon the earth. ^{||} Or, little weight.

23 But thou hast mercy upon all; for thou canst do all things, and winkest at the sins of men, because they should amend.

24 For thou lovest all the things that are, and abhorrest nothing which thou hast made: for never wouldest thou have made any thing, if thou hadst hated it.

25 And how could any thing have endured, if it had not been thy will? or been preserved, if not called by thee?

26 But ^athou sparest all: for they are ^a ch. 12. 16. thine, O Lord, thou lover of souls.

CHAP. XII.

² God did not destroy those of Canaan all at once. ¹² If he had done so, who could controul him? ¹⁹ But by sparing them he taught us. ²³ They were punished with their gods.

FOR thine incorruptible Spirit is in all things.

2 Therefore chastenest thou them by little and little that offend, and warnest them by putting them in remembrance wherein they have offended, that leaving their wickedness they may believe on thee, O Lord.

3 For it was thy will to destroy by the hands of our fathers both those ^{||} old inhabitants of thy holy land,

^{||} Or, ancient.

4 Whom thou hatedst for doing most odious works of ^{||} witchcrafts, and wicked sacrifices;

^{||} Or, sorceries.

5 And also ^a those merciless murderers of children, and devourers of man's flesh, and the feasts of blood, ^a ch. 14. 23.

6 With their priests out of the midst of their idolatrous crew, and the parents, ^b that killed with their own hands ^b Dent. 12. 31. souls destitute of help:

7 That the land, which thou esteem-

edst above all other, might receive a
|| Or, new inhabitants. worthy || colony of God's children.

8 Nevertheless even those thou spar-
c Ex. 23. 28.
Deut. 7. 20.
Josh. 24. 12. edst as men, and didst send ^c wasps,
forerunners of thine host, to destroy
them by little and little.

9 Not that thou wast unable to bring
the ungodly under the hand of the
righteous in battle, or to destroy them
at once with cruel beasts, or with one
rough word:

10 But executing thy judgments upon
them by little and little, thou gavest
them place of repentance, not being
ignorant that they were a naughty
generation, and that their malice was
bred in them, and that their cogita-
tion would never be changed.

d Gen. 9. 25. 11 For it was a ^d cursed seed from
the beginning; neither didst thou for
fear of any man give them pardon for
those things wherein they sinned.

e Rom. 9. 20. 12 For who shall say, ^e What hast
thou done? or who shall withstand thy
judgment? or who shall accuse thee
for the nations that perish, whom thou
hast made? or who shall come to stand
|| against thee, to be || revenged for the
unrighteous men?

|| Or, in thy
presence.
|| Or, a re-
venger.

13 For neither is there any God but
thou that ^f careth for all, to whom thou
mightest shew that thy judgment is not
unright.

f ch. 6. 7.
1 Pet. 5. 7.

14 Neither shall king or tyrant be
able to set his face against thee for any
whom thou hast punished.

15 Forsomuch then as thou art righ-
g Job 10. 2. teously thyself, thou orderest all things
righteously: ^g thinking it not agreeable
with thy power to condemn him that
hath not deserved to be punished.

16 For thy power is the beginning
h ch. 11. 26. of righteousness, and ^h because thou art
the Lord of all, it maketh thee to be
gracious unto all.

17 For when men will not believe
|| Or, perfect. that thou art of a || full power, thou
shewest thy strength, and among them
that know it thou makest their bold-
ness manifest.

18 But thou, mastering thy power,
judgest with equity, and orderest us
with great favour: for thou mayest
use power when thou wilt.

19 But by such works hast thou
taught thy people that the just man

should be merciful, and hast made thy
children to be of a good hope that thou
givest repentance for sins.

20 For if ⁱ thou didst punish the ene- i Rom. 9. 22.
mies of thy children, and the condemn-
ed ^k death, with such deliberation, giv-
ing them time and place, whereby they
might be delivered from their malice:

21 With how great circumspection
didst thou judge thine own sons, unto
whose fathers thou hast sworn, and
made covenants of good promises?

22 Therefore, whereas thou dost chas-
ten us, thou scourgest our enemies a
thousand times more, to the intent
that, when we judge, we should care-
fully think of thy goodness, and when
we ourselves are judged, we should
look for mercy.

23 Wherefore, whereas men have liv-
ed dissolutely and unrighteously, ^k thou k ch. 11. 16.
& 16. 1.
hast tormented them with their own
|| abominations.

24 ^l For they went astray very far in
the ways of error, and held them for
gods, which even among the beasts of
their enemies were despised, being de-
ceived, as children of no understanding.

|| Or, abomi-
nable idols.
l ch. 11. 15.
Rom. 1. 23.

25 Therefore unto them, as to chil-
dren without the use of reason, thou
didst send a judgment to mock them.

26 But they that would not be re-
formed by that correction, wherein he
dallied with them, shall feel a judg-
ment worthy of God.

27 For, look, for what things they
grudged, when they were punished, that
is, for them whom they thought to be
gods; [now] being punished in them,
when they saw it, they acknowledged
him to be the true God, whom before
they denied to know; and therefore
came extreme damnation upon them.

CHAP. XIII.

1 They were not excused that worshipped any of God's
works. 10 But most wretched are they that worship the
works of men's hands.

SURELY vain are all men by na-
ture, who are ignorant of God, and
^a could not out of the good things that
are seen know him that is: neither
by considering the works did they ac-
knowledge the workmaster;

a Rom. 1.
19, 20.

2 ^b But deemed either fire, or wind, b Deu. 4. 19.
& 17. 3.
or the swift air, or the circle of the
stars, or the violent water, or the lights

of heaven, to be the gods which govern the world.

3 With whose beauty if they being delighted took them to be gods; let them know how much better the Lord of them is: for the first author of beauty hath created them.

4 But if they were astonished at their power and virtue, let them understand by them, how much mightier he is that made them.

^e Rom. 1. 20. 5 ^c For by the greatness and beauty of the creatures proportionably the maker of them is seen.

6 But yet for this they are the less to be blamed: for they peradventure err, seeking God, and desirous to find him.

^d Rom. 1. 21. 7 For being ^d conversant in his works they ^{||} search *him* diligently, and believe their sight: because the things are beautiful that are seen.

^{||} Or, seek.

8 Howbeit neither are they to be pardoned.

9 For if they were able to know so much, that they could aim at the world; how did they not sooner find out the Lord thereof?

^e ver. 18.
ch. 15. 17.
^f Ps. 115. 4.
& 135. 15.

10 But miserable are they, and in ^c dead things is their hope, who called them gods, ^f which are the works of men's hands, gold and silver, to shew art in, and resemblances of beasts, or a stone good for nothing, the work of an ancient hand.

^g Is. 44. 13,
&c. Jer. 10.
3, &c.
^{||} Or, timber-
wright.

11 ^g Now a ^{||} carpenter that felleth timber, after he hath sawn down a tree meet for the purpose, and taken off all the bark skilfully round about, and hath wrought it handsomely, and made a vessel thereof fit for the service of man's life;

^{||} Or, chips.

12 And after spending the ^{||} refuse of his work to dress his meat, hath filled himself;

13 And taking the very refuse among those which served to no use, being a crooked piece of wood, and full of knots, hath carved it diligently, when he had nothing else to do, and formed it by the skill of his understanding, and fashioned it to the image of a man;

14 Or made it like some vile beast, laying it over with vermilion, and with paint colouring it red, and covering every spot therein;

^h Isai. 46. 7.

15 And ^h when he had made a con-

venient room for it, set it in a wall, and made it fast with iron:

16 For he provided for it that it might not fall, knowing that it was unable to help itself; for it is an image, and hath need of help:

17 ⁱ Then maketh he prayer for his goods, for his wife and children, and is not ashamed to speak to that which hath no life. ⁱ Isai. 44. 17, 19.

18 For health he calleth upon that which is weak: for life prayeth to that ^k which is dead: for aid humbly beseecheth ⁺ that which hath least means to help: and for a good journey he asketh of that which cannot set a foot forward: ^k ver. 10. ⁺ Gr. that hath no experience at all.

19 And for gaining and getting, and for good success of his hands, asketh ability to do of him, that is most unable to do any thing.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Though men do not pray to their ships, 5 yet are they saved rather by them than by their idols. 8 Idols are accursed, and so are the makers of them. 14 The beginning of idolatry, 23 and the effects thereof. 30 God will punish them that swear falsely by their idols.*

A GAIN, one preparing himself to sail, and about to pass through the raging waves, calleth upon a piece of wood more rotten than the ^{||} vessel ^{||} Or, ship. that carrieth him.

2 For verily desire of gain devised ^{||} that, and the workman built it by his skill. ^{||} Or, vessel, or, ship.

3 But thy providence, O Father, governeth it: for thou ^a hast made a way ^a Ex. 14. 22. in the sea, and a safe path in the waves;

4 Shewing that thou canst save from all danger: yea, though a man went to sea without art.

5 Nevertheless thou wouldest not that the works of thy wisdom should be idle, and therefore do men commit their lives to a small piece of wood, and passing the rough sea in a weak vessel are saved.

6 ^b For in the old time also, when the proud giants perished, the hope of the world governed by thy hand escaped in a weak vessel, and left to all ages a seed of generation. ^b Gen. 6. 4. & 7. 18, 21, 22.

7 For blessed is the wood whereby righteousness cometh.

8 But ^c that which is made with hands is cursed, as well it, as he that made it: he, because he made it; and ^c Ps. 115. 8. Bar. 6. 4.

it, because, being corruptible, it was called god.

^d Ps. 5. 5.

9 ^d For the ungodly and his ungodliness are both alike hateful unto God.

10 For that which is made shall be punished together with him that made it.

^e See Isai.

46. 1.

Jer. 46. 25.

& 49. 3.

|| Or, *to*,

or, *by*.

^f Jer. 10. 8.

Hab. 2. 18.

+ Gr.

scandals.

|| Or, *trap*.

^g ver. 27.

11 Therefore ^eeven || upon the idols of the Gentiles shall there be a visitation: because in the creature of God they are become an abomination, and ^f+ stumblingblocks to the souls of men, and a || snare to the feet of the unwise.

12 For ^gthe devising of idols was the beginning of *spiritual* fornication, and the invention of them the corruption of life.

13 For neither were they from the beginning, neither shall they be for ever.

14 For by the vain glory of men they entered into the world, and therefore shall they come shortly to an end.

15 For a father afflicted with untimely mourning, when he hath made an image of his child soon taken away, now honoured him as a god, which was then a dead man, and delivered to those that were under him ceremonies and sacrifices.

+ Gr.

in time.

16 Thus ⁺in process of time an ungodly custom grown strong was kept as a law, and graven images were worshipped by the commandments of || kings.

|| Or,

tyrants.

|| Or,

in sight.

17 Whom men could not honour || in presence, because they dwelt far off, they took the counterfeit of his visage from far, and made an express image of a king whom they honoured, to the end that by this their forwardness they might flatter him that was absent, as if he were present.

18 Also the singular diligence of the artificer did help to set forward the ignorant to more superstition.

19 For he, peradventure willing to please one in authority, forced all his skill to make the resemblance ⁺of the best fashion.

+ Gr. *to the better*.

20 And so the multitude, allured by the grace of the work, took him now for a god, which a little before was but honoured as a man.

21 And this was an occasion to deceive the world: for men, serving either

calamity or tyranny, did ascribe unto stones and stocks the incommunicable || name.

|| Or, *of God*.

22 Moreover this was not enough for them, that they erred in the knowledge of God; but whereas they lived in the great war of ignorance, those so great plagues called they peace.

23 For whilst they ^hslew their children in sacrifices, or used secret ceremonies, or made revellings of strange rites;

^h Deu. 18. 10.

Jer. 7. 9.

& 19. 4.

ch. 12. 5, 6.

24 They kept neither lives nor marriages any longer undefiled: but either one slew another traiterously, or grieved him by adultery.

25 ⁱSo that there reigned in all men || without exception blood, manslaughter, theft, and dissimulation, corruption, unfaithfulness, tumults, perjury,

ⁱ Rom. 1. 29,

&c.

|| Or,

confusedly.

26 Disquieting of good men, forgetfulness of good turns, defiling of souls, changing of || kind, disorder in marriages, adultery, and shameless uncleanness.

|| Or, *sex*.

27 ^kFor the worshipping of idols ⁺not to be named is the beginning, the cause, and the end, of all evil.

^k Rom. 1.

25, 26.

+ Gr.

nameless.

Exod. 23. 13.

28 For either they are mad when they be merry, or prophesy lies, or live unjustly, or else lightly forswear themselves.

29 For insomuch as their trust is in idols, which have no life; though they swear falsely, yet they look not to be hurt.

30 Howbeit for both causes shall they be justly punished: both because they thought not well of God, || giving heed unto idols, and also unjustly swore in deceit, despising holiness.

|| Or,

devoted.

31 For it is not the power of them by whom they swear: but it is the just vengeance of sinners, that punisheth always the offence of the ungodly.

CHAP. XV.

1 We do acknowledge the true God. 7 The folly of idol-makers, 14 and of the enemies of God's people; 15 because, besides the idols of the Gentiles, 18 they worshipped vile beasts.

BUT thou, O God, art gracious and true, longsuffering, and in mercy ordering all things.

2 For if we sin, we are thine, knowing thy power: but we will not sin, knowing that we are counted thine.

3 For to know thee is perfect righteousness: yea, to know thy power is the root of immortality.

4 For neither did the mischievous invention of men deceive us, nor an image spotted with divers colours, the painter's fruitless labour;

|| Or, turneth a reproach to the foolish.

5 The sight whereof || enticeth fools to lust after it, and so they desire the form of a dead image, that hath no breath.

6 Both they that make them, they that desire them, and they that worship them, are lovers of evil things, and are worthy to have such things to trust upon.

* Rom. 9. 21.

7 For the *potter, tempering soft earth, fashioneth every vessel with much labour for our service: yea, of the same clay he maketh both the vessels that serve for clean uses, and likewise also all such as serve to the contrary: but what is the use of either sort, the potter himself is the judge.

8 And employing his labours lewdly, he maketh a vain god of the same clay, even he which a little before was made of earth himself, and within a little while after returneth to the same, out of the which he was taken, when his ^blife which was lent him shall be demanded.

^b Luke 12. 20.

|| Or, be sick, or, die.

9 Notwithstanding his care is, not that he shall || have much labour, nor that his life is short: but striveth to excel goldsmiths and silversmiths, and endeavoureth to do like the workers in brass, and counteth it his glory to make counterfeit things.

10 His heart is ashes, his hope is more vile than earth, and his life of less value than clay:

* Gen. 2. 7.

11 Forasmuch as he knew not his Maker, and him that inspired into him an active soul, and ^cbreathed in a living spirit.

+ Gr. life.

12 But they counted our life a pastime, and our [†]time here a market for gain: for, say they, we must be getting every way, though it be by evil means.

|| Or, So.

13 || For this man, that of earthly matter maketh brittle vessels and graven images, knoweth himself to offend above all others.

14 And all the enemies of thy people,

that hold them in subjection, are most foolish, and are more miserable than very babes.

15 For they counted all the idols of the heathen to be gods: ^dwhich neither have the use of eyes to see, nor noses to draw || breath, nor ears to hear, nor fingers of hands to handle; and as for their feet, they are slow to go.

^d Ps. 115. 5, 6, 7. & 135. 16, 17.

|| Or, air.

16 For man made them, and he that borrowed his own spirit fashioned them: but no man can make a god like unto himself.

17 For being mortal, he worketh *a dead thing with wicked hands: for he himself is better than the things which he worshippeth: whereas he lived *once*, but they never.

* ch. 13. 10, 18.

18 Yea, they worshipped those beasts also that are most hateful: for being compared together, some are worse than others.

19 Neither are they beautiful, so much as to be desired in respect of beasts: but they went without the praise of God and his blessing.

CHAP. XVI.

² God gave strange meat to his people, to stir up their appetite, and vile beasts to their enemies, to take it from them. ⁵ He stung with his serpents, ¹² but soon healed them by his word only. ¹⁷ The creatures altered their nature to pleasure God's people, and to offend their enemies.

THEREFORE *by the like were they punished worthily, and by the multitude of beasts ^btormented.

* ch. 12. 23.

2 Instead of which punishment, dealing graciously with thine own people, thou preparedst for them meat of a strange taste, even ^cquails to stir up their appetite:

^b Num. 21. 6. ch. 11. 15, 16.

* Num. 11. 31.

3 To the end that they, desiring food, might for the ugly sight of the beasts sent among them lothe even that, which they must needs desire; but these, suffering penury for a short space, might be made partakers of a strange taste.

4 For it was requisite, that upon them exercising tyranny should come penury, which they could not avoid: but to these it should only be shewed how their enemies were tormented.

5 For when the horrible fierceness of beasts came upon || these, and they perished with the ^dstings of crooked serpents, thy wrath endured not for ever:

|| Or, thy people.
^d Num. 21. 6.
1 Cor. 10. 9.

6 But they were troubled for a small season, that they might be admonished, having ^a a sign of salvation, to put them in remembrance of the commandment of thy law.

^a Num. 21. 9.

7 For he that turned himself toward it was not saved by the thing that he saw, but by thee, that art the Saviour of all.

8 And in this thou madest thine enemies confess, that it is thou who deliverest from all evil:

^f Ex. 8. 24.
& 10. 4.
Rev. 9. 3,
&c.

9 For ^f them the bitings of grasshoppers and flies killed, neither was there found any remedy for their life: for they were worthy to be punished by such.

10 But thy sons not the very teeth of venomous dragons overcame: for thy mercy was *ever* by them, and healed them.

⁺ Gr. *stung*.

11 For they were ⁺ pricked, that they should remember thy words; and were quickly saved, that not falling into deep forgetfulness, they might be ^{||} continually mindful of thy goodness.

^{||} Or, *never drawn from*.

12 For it was neither herb, nor molifying plaister, that restored them to health: but thy word, O Lord, which healeth all things.

^g Deut. 32. 39.
¹ Sam. 2. 6.
Ps. 105.
Tobit 13. 2.

13 For thou hast power of life and death: thou ^g ledest to the gates of hell, and bringest up again.

14 A man indeed killeth through his malice: and the spirit, when it is gone forth, returneth not; neither the soul received up cometh again.

15 But it is not possible to escape thine hand.

^h Ex. 9. 23.
¹ Ex. 5. 2.

16 ^h For the ungodly, ¹ that denied to know thee, were scourged by the strength of thine arm: with strange rains, hails, and showers, were they persecuted, that they could not avoid, and through fire were they consumed.

17 For, which is most to be wondered at, ^k the fire had more force in the water, that quencheth all things: for the world ¹ fighteth for the righteous.

¹ Judg. 5. 20.
See ver. 24.

18 For sometime the flame was mitigated, that it might not burn up the beasts that were sent against the ungodly; but themselves might see and perceive that they were persecuted with the judgment of God.

19 And at another time it burneth

even in the midst of water above the power of fire, that it might destroy the fruits of an unjust land.

20 ^m Instead whereof thou feddest thine own people with angels' food, and didst send them from heaven bread prepared without their labour, able to content every man's delight, and agreeing to every taste.

^m Ex. 16. 14.
Num. 11. 7.
Ps. 78. 25.
John 6. 31.

21 For thy ⁿ ^{||} sustenance declared thy sweetness unto thy children, and serving to the appetite of the eater, ^{||} tempered itself to every man's liking.

ⁿ Judg. 6. 4.
^{||} Or, *manna*.
^{||} Or, *was tempered*.

22 ^o But snow and ice endured the fire, and melted not, that they might know that fire burning in the hail, and sparkling in the rain, did destroy the fruits of the enemies.

^o ch. 19. 21.

23 But this again did even forget his own strength, that the righteous might be nourished.

24 For ^p the creature that serveth thee, who art the Maker, increaseth his strength against the unrighteous for their punishment, and abateth his strength for the benefit of such as put their trust in thee.

^p ch. 19. 6.

25 Therefore even then was it altered into all ^{||} fashions, and was obedient to thy grace, that nourisheth all things, according to the desire ^{||} of them that had need:

^{||} Or, *things*.

^{||} Or, *of them that prayed*.

26 That thy children, O Lord, whom thou lovest, might know, that ^q it is not the growing of fruits that nourisheth man: but that it is thy word, which preserveth them that put their trust in thee.

^q Deut. 8. 3.
Matt. 4. 4.

27 For that which was not destroyed of the fire, ^r being warmed with a little sunbeam, soon melted away:

^r Ex. 16. 21.

28 That it might be known, that ^s we must prevent the sun to give thee thanks, and at the dayspring pray unto thee.

^s Ps. 88. 13.

29 For the hope of the unthankful shall melt away as the winter's hoar frost, and shall run away as unprofitable water.

CHAP. XVII.

¹ Why the Egyptians were punished with darkness. 4 The terrors of that darkness. 11 The terrors of an ill conscience.

FOR great are thy judgments, and cannot be expressed: therefore ^{||} unnurtured souls have erred.

^{||} Or, *souls that will not be reformed*.

^a Ex. 10. 22. **2** For when unrighteous men thought to oppress the holy nation; ^a they being shut up || in their houses, the prisoners of darkness, and fettered with the bonds of a long night, lay [there] || exiled from the eternal providence.

^b Or, *under their roofs.*
^c Or, *fugitives.*
3 For while they supposed to lie hid in their secret sins, they were scattered || under a dark veil of forgetfulness, being horribly astonished, and troubled with [strange] || apparitions.

^d Or, *in.*
^e Or, *sights.*
4 For neither might the corner that held them keep them from fear: but noises [as of waters] falling down sounded about them, and sad visions appeared unto them with heavy countenances.

5 No power of the fire might give them light: neither could the bright flames of the stars endure to lighten that horrible night.

6 Only there appeared unto them a fire kindled of itself, very dreadful: for being much terrified, they thought the things which they saw to be worse than the sight they saw not.

^f Ex. 7. 12. & 8. 7, 19. & 9. 11. **7** ^b As for the illusions of art magick, they were put down, and their vaunting in wisdom was reprov'd with disgrace.

8 For they, that promised to drive away terrors and troubles from a sick soul, were sick themselves of fear, worthy to be laughed at.

9 For though no terrible thing did fear them; yet being scared with beasts that passed by, and hissing of serpents,

^g Or, *refusing to look upon.*
10 They died for fear, || denying that they saw the air, which could of no side be avoided.

11 For wickedness, condemned by her own witness, is very timorous, and being pressed with conscience, always forecasteth grievous things.

12 For fear is nothing else but a betraying of the succours which reason offereth.

13 And the expectation from within, being less, counteth the ignorance more than the cause which bringeth the torment.

^h Or, *wherein they could do nothing.*
14 But they sleeping the same sleep that night, || which was indeed intolerable, and which came upon them out of the bottoms of inevitable hell,

15 Were partly vexed with monstrous apparitions, and partly fainted, their

heart failing them: for a sudden fear, and not looked for, came upon them.

16 So then whosoever there fell down was straitly kept, shut up in a prison without iron bars.

17 For whether he were husbandman, or shepherd, or a labourer in the || field, || Or, *desert.* he was overtaken, and endured that necessity, which could not be avoided: for they were all bound with one chain of darkness.

18 Whether it were a whistling wind, or a melodious noise of birds among the spreading branches, or a pleasing fall of water running violently,

19 Or a || terrible sound of stones || Or, *hideous.* cast down, or a running that could not be seen of skipping beasts, or a roaring voice of most savage wild beasts, or a rebounding echo from the hollow mountains; these things made them to swoon for fear.

20 For the whole world shined with clear light, and none were hindered in their labour:

21 Over them only was spread an heavy night, an image of ^c that darkness which should afterward receive them: but yet were they unto themselves more grievous than the darkness. ^c Matt. 8. 12. & 22. 13. & 25. 30. 2 Pet. 2. 17. Jude 13.

CHAP. XVIII.

^d Why Egypt was punished with darkness, 5 and with the death of their children. 18 They themselves saw the cause thereof. 20 God also plagued his own people. 21 By what means that plague was stayed.

NEVERTHELESS thy saints had a very great ^a light, whose voice ^a Ex. 10. 23. they hearing, and not seeing their shape, because they also had not suffered the same things, they counted them happy.

2 But for that they did not hurt them now, of whom they had been wronged before, they thanked them, and besought them pardon for that they had been enemies.

3 ^b Instead whereof thou gavest them a burning pillar of fire, both to be a guide of the unknown journey, and an harmless sun to entertain them honourably. ^b Ex. 13. 21. & 14. 24. Ps. 78. 14. & 105. 39.

4 For they were worthy to be deprived of light, and imprisoned in darkness, who had kept thy sons shut up, by whom the || uncorrupt light of the law was to be given unto the world. || Or, *incorruptible.*

^c Ex. 1. 16. 5 ^c And when they had determined to
^d Ex. 2. 3, 5. slay the babes of the saints, ^d one child
 being cast forth, and saved, to reprove
^e Ex. 12. 29. them, ^e thou tookest away the multi-
^f Ex. 14. 24, &c. tude of their children, and ^f destroyedst
 them altogether in a mighty water.

^g Ex. 11. 4. 6 ^g Of that night were our fathers
 certified afore, that assuredly knowing
 unto what oaths they had given cre-
 dence, they might afterwards be of good
 cheer.

7 So of thy people was accepted both
 the salvation of the righteous, and de-
 struction of the enemies.

8 For wherewith thou didst punish
 our adversaries, by the same thou didst
 glorify us, whom thou hadst called.

^h Ex. 12. 21, --28. 9 ^h For the righteous children of good
 men did sacrifice secretly, and with one
 consent made || a holy law, that the
 saints should be like partakers of the
 same good and evil, the fathers now
 singing out the songs of praise.

10 But on the other side there sound-
 ed an ill according cry of the enemies,
 and a lamentable noise was carried a-
 broad for children that were bewailed.

ⁱ Ex. 11. 5. & 12. 29. 11 ⁱ The master and the servant were
 punished after one manner; and like
 as the king, so suffered the common
 person.

12 So they all together had innumer-
 able dead with one kind of death; nei-
 ther were the living sufficient to bury
 them: for in one moment the noblest
 offspring of them was destroyed.

13 For whereas they would not be-
 lieve any thing by reason of the en-
 chantments; upon the destruction of
 the firstborn, they acknowledged this
 people to be the sons of God.

14 For while all things were in quiet
 silence, and that night was in the midst
 of her swift course,

15 Thine Almighty word leaped down
 from heaven out of thy royal throne,
 as a fierce man of war into the midst
 of a land of destruction,

16 And brought thine unfeigned com-
 mandment as a sharp sword, and stand-
 ing up filled all things with death; and
 it touched the heaven, but it stood upon
 the earth.

^{||} Or, imagi- nations. 17 Then suddenly || visions of horrible
 dreams troubled them sore, and terrors
 came upon them unlooked for.

18 And one thrown here, and another
 there, half dead, shewed the cause of
 his death.

19 For the dreams that troubled
 them did foreshew this, lest they should
 perish, and not know why they were
 afflicted.

20 Yea, the tasting of death touched
 the righteous also, and there was a de-
 struction of the ^k multitude in the wil- ^k Num. 16.
 derness: but the wrath endured not 46, &c.
 long.

21 For then the blameless man made
 haste, and stood forth to defend them;
 and bringing the shield of his proper
 ministry, even prayer, and the propi-
 tiation of incense, set himself against
 the wrath, and so brought the calamity
 to an end, declaring that he was thy
 servant.

22 So he overcame the destroyer,
 not with strength of body, nor force of
 arms, but with a word subdued he him
 that punished, alleging the oaths and
 covenants made with the fathers.

23 For when the dead were now fall-
 en down by heaps one upon another,
 standing between, he stayed the wrath,
 and || parted the way to the living.

^{||} Or, cut off.

24 ^l For in the long garment was the ^l Ex. 28. 6,
 whole world, and in the four rows of 9, 36.
 the stones was the glory of the fathers
 graven, and thy Majesty upon the dia-
 dem of his head.

25 Unto these the destroyer gave
 place, and was afraid of them: for it
 was enough that they only tasted of
 the wrath.

CHAP XIX.

¹ Why God shewed no mercy to the Egyptians, 5 and how
 wonderfully he dealt with his people. 14 The Egyp-
 tians were worse than the Sodomites. 18 The wonder-
 ful agreement of the creatures to serve God's people.

AS for the ungodly, wrath came
 upon them without mercy unto
 the end: for he knew before what they
 would do;

2 How that having given them leave
 to depart, and sent them hastily away,
^a they would repent and pursue them.

^a Ex. 14. 5,
 &c.

3 For whilst they were yet mourning
 and making lamentation at the graves
 of the dead, they added another foolish
 device, and pursued them as fugitives,
 whom they had || intreated to be gone.

^{||} Or,
 cast out by
 intreaty.

4 For the destiny, whereof they were
 worthy, drew them unto this end, and

made them forget the things that had already happened, that they might fulfil the punishment which was wanting to their torments:

^b Ex. 14. 28, 29. 5 ^b And that thy people might pass a wonderful way: but they might find a strange death.

^c See ch. 16. 24, 25. 6 For ^c the whole creature in his proper kind was fashioned again anew, serving the peculiar commandments that were given unto them, that thy children might be kept without hurt:

7 *As namely*, a cloud shadowing the camp; and where water stood before, dry land appeared; and out of the Red sea a way without impediment; and out of the violent stream a green field:

8 Wherethrough all the people went that were defended with thy hand, seeing thy marvellous strange wonders.

9 For they went at large like horses, and leaped like lambs, praising thee, O Lord, who hadst delivered them.

^{||} Or, *hoo*. 10 For they were yet mindful of the things that were done while they sojourned in the strange land, how the ground brought forth ^{||} flies instead of cattle, and how the river cast up a multitude of frogs instead of fishes.

^d Ex. 16. 18. Num. 11. 31. 11 But ^d afterwards they saw a new generation of fowls, when, being led with their appetite, they asked delicate meats.

^{||} Or, *comfort*. 12 For quails came up unto them from the sea for their ^{||} contentment.

13 And punishments came upon the sinners not without former signs by the force of thunders: for they suffered justly according to their own wickedness, insomuch as they used a more hard and hateful behaviour toward strangers.

14 For the *Sodomites* did not receive those, whom they knew not when they came: but these brought friends into bondage, that had well deserved of them.

15 And not only so, but peradventure some respect shall be had of those, because they used strangers not friendly:

16 But these very grievously afflicted them, whom they had received with feastings, and were already made partakers of the same laws with them.

17 Therefore even with blindness were these stricken, as ^e those were at the doors of the righteous man: when, being compassed about with horrible great darkness, every one sought the passage of his own doors. ^e Gen. 19. 11.

18 For the elements were changed [†] in themselves by a kind of harmony, like as in a psaltery notes change the name of the tune, and yet are always sounds; which may well be perceived by the sight of the things that have been done. [†] Gr. *by themselves*.

19 For earthly things were turned into watery, and the things, that before swam in the water, now went upon the ground.

20 ^f The fire had power in the water, ^f ch. 16. 17. forgetting his own virtue: and the water forgot his own quenching nature.

21 On the other side, the flames wasted not the flesh of the corruptible living things, though they walked therein; ^g neither melted they the icy kind of heavenly meat, that was of nature apt to melt. ^g ch. 16. 22.

22 For in all things, O Lord, thou didst magnify thy people, and glorify them, neither didst thou lightly regard them: but didst assist them in every time and place.

THE WISDOM OF JESUS THE SON OF SIRACH, OR ECCLESIASTICUS.

A Prologue made by an uncertain Author.

Some refer this Prologue to Athanasius, because it is found in his *Synopsis*.

|| Or, collected.

THIS Jesus was the son of Sirach, and grandchild to Jesus of the same name with him: this man therefore lived in the latter times, after the people had been led away captive, and called home again, and almost after all the prophets. Now his grandfather Jesus, as he himself witnesseth, was a man of great diligence and wisdom among the Hebrews, who did not only gather the grave and short sentences of wise men, that had been before him, but himself also uttered some of his own, full of much understanding and wisdom. When as therefore the first Jesus died, leaving this book almost || perfected, Sirach his son receiving it after him left it to his own son Jesus, who, having gotten it into his hands, compiled it all orderly into one volume, and called it Wisdom, intituling it both by his own name, his father's name, and his grandfather's; alluring the hearer by the very name of Wisdom to have a greater love to the study of this book. It containeth therefore wise sayings, dark sentences, and parables, and certain particular ancient godly stories of men that pleased God; also his prayer and song; moreover, what benefits God had vouchsafed his people, and what plagues he had heaped upon their enemies. This Jesus did imitate Solomon, and was no less famous for wisdom and learning, both being indeed a man of great learning, and so reputed also.

The Prologue of the Wisdom of Jesus the Son of Sirach.

WHEREAS many and great things have been delivered unto us by the law and the prophets, and by others that have followed their steps, for the which things Israel ought to be commended for learning and wisdom; and whereof not only the readers must needs become skilful themselves, but also they that desire to learn be able to

profit them which are || without, both by speaking and writing: my grandfather Jesus, when he had much given himself to the reading of the law, and the prophets, and other books of our fathers, and had gotten therein good judgment, was drawn on also himself to write something pertaining to learning and wisdom; to the intent that those which are desirous to learn, and are addicted to these things, might profit much more in living according to the law. Wherefore let me intreat you to read it with favour and attention, and to pardon us, wherein we may seem to come short of some words, which we have laboured to interpret. For the same things uttered in Hebrew, and translated into another tongue, have not the same force in them: and not only these things, but the law itself, and the † prophets, and the rest of the books, have no small || difference, when they are spoken in their own language. For in the eight and thirtieth year coming into Egypt, when Euergetes was king, and continuing there some time, I found a || book of no small learning: therefore I thought it most necessary for me to bestow some diligence and travail to interpret it; using great watchfulness and skill in that space to bring the book to an end, and set it forth for them also, which in a strange country are willing to learn, being prepared before in manners to live after the law.

|| Or, of another nation.

† Gr. prophecies.
|| Or, excellency.
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|| Or, help of learning.

CHAP. I.

1 All wisdom is from God. 10 He giveth it to them that love him. 12 The fear of God is full of many blessings. 28 To fear God without hypocrisy.

ALL wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him for ever.

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2 Who can number the sand of the sea, and the drops of rain, and the days of eternity?

a 1 Kings
3. 9.
James 1. 5.

3 Who can find out the height of heaven, and the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom?

4 Wisdom hath been created before

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all things, and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.

5 The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom; and her ways are everlasting commandments.

b Is. 40. 13.
Wis. 9. 13.
Rom. 11. 34.
1 Cor. 2. 16.

6 ^bTo whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? or who hath known her wise counsels?

7 [Unto whom hath the knowledge of wisdom been made manifest? and who hath understood her great experience?]

8 There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne.

9 He created her, and saw her, and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works.

10 She *is* with all flesh according to his gift, and he hath given her to them that love him.

11 The fear of the Lord is honour, and glory, and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing.

12 The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart, and giveth joy, and gladness, and a long life.

13 Whoso feareth the Lord, it shall go well with him at the last, and he ^{||} shall find favour in the day of his death.

^{||} Or, *shall be blessed.*

c Ps. 111. 10.
Prov. 1. 7.
& 9. 10.

14 ^cTo fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and it was created with the faithful in the womb.

15 She hath built an everlasting foundation with men, and she shall continue ^d with their seed.

d 2 Chron. 20. 21.

16 To fear the Lord is fulness of wisdom, and filleth men with her fruits.

17 She filleth all their house with things desirable, and the garners with her increase.

18 The fear of the Lord is a crown of wisdom, making peace and perfect health to flourish; both which are the gifts of God: and it enlargeth their rejoicing that love him.

19 Wisdom raineth down skill and knowledge of understanding, and exalteth them to honour that hold her fast.

20 The root of wisdom is to fear the Lord, and the branches thereof are long life.

21 The fear of the Lord driveth away sins: and where it is present, it turneth away wrath.

^{||} Or, *escape punishment.*

22 A furious man cannot ^{||} be justified; for the sway of his fury shall be his destruction.

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23 A patient man will bear for a time, and afterward joy shall spring up unto him.

24 He will hide his words for a time, and the lips of many shall declare his wisdom.

25 The parables of knowledge are in the treasures of wisdom: but godliness is an abomination to a sinner.

26 If thou desire wisdom, keep the commandments, and the Lord shall give her unto thee.

27 For the fear of the Lord is wisdom and instruction: and faith and meekness are his delight.

28 ^{||} Distrust not the fear of the Lord when thou art poor: and come not unto him with a double heart.

^{||} Or, *Be not disobedient to.*

29 Be not an hypocrite in the sight of men, and take good heed what thou speakest.

30 Exalt not thyself, lest thou fall, and bring dishonour upon thy soul, and so God discover thy secrets, and cast thee down in the midst of the congregation, because thou camest not in truth to the fear of the Lord, but thy heart is full of deceit.

CHAP. II.

1 *God's servants must look for trouble, 7 and be patient, and trust in him. 12 For woe to them that do not so. 15 But they that fear the Lord will do so.*

MY son, if ^a thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation.

^a Matt. 4. 1.
² Tim. 3. 12.
¹ Pet. 4. 12.

2 Set thy heart aright, and constantly endure, and ^{||} make not haste in time of trouble.

^{||} Or, *haste not.*

3 Cleave unto him, and depart not away, that thou mayest be increased at thy last end.

4 Whatsoever is brought upon thee take cheerfully, and be patient when thou art changed to a low estate.

5 ^b For gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity.

^b Prov. 17. 3.
Wis. 3. 6.

6 ^c Believe in him, and he will help thee; order thy way aright, and trust in him.

^c Ps. 37. 3, 5.

7 Ye that fear the Lord, ^d wait for his mercy; and go not aside, lest ye fall.

^d Ps. 37. 7.

8 Ye that fear the Lord, believe him; and your reward shall not fail.

9 Ye that fear the Lord, hope for good, and for everlasting joy and mercy.

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* Ps. 37. 25.

10 Look at the generations of old, and see; *did ever any trust in the Lord, and was confounded? or did any abide in his fear, and was forsaken? or whom did he ever despise, that called upon him?

† Ps. 86. 15.
& 145. 8.

11 † For the Lord is full of compassion and mercy, longsuffering, and very pitiful, and forgiveth sins, and saveth in time of affliction..

12 Woe be to fearful hearts, and faint hands, and the sinner that goeth two ways!

13 Woe unto him that is fainthearted! for he believeth not; therefore shall he not be defended.

14 Woe unto you that have lost patience! and what will ye do when the Lord shall visit you?

g John 14.
23.

15 They that fear the Lord will not disobey his word; and ‡ they that love him will keep his ways.

16 They that fear the Lord will seek that which is wellpleasing unto him; and they that love him shall be filled with the law.

17 They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and humble their souls in his sight,

h 2 Sam. 24.
14.

18 *Saying*, We will ^h fall into the hands of the Lord, and not into the hands of men: for as his majesty is, so is his mercy.

CHAP. III.

2 Children must honour and help both their parents. 21 We may not desire to know all things. 26 The incorrigible must needs perish. 30 Alms are rewarded.

HEAR me your father, O children, and do thereafter, that ye may be safe.

a Ex. 20. 12.
Deut. 5. 16.
Matt. 15. 4.
Mark 7. 10.
Eph. 6. 2.
|| Or,
judgment.

2 For the Lord hath given ^a the father honour over the children, and hath confirmed the || authority of the mother over the sons.

3 Whoso honoureth his father maketh an atonement for his sins:

4 And he that honoureth his mother is as one that layeth up treasure.

5 Whoso honoureth his father shall have joy of *his own* children; and when he maketh his prayer, he shall be heard.

6 He that honoureth his father shall have a long life; and he that is obedient unto the Lord shall be a comfort to his mother.

7 He that feareth the Lord will ho-

nour his father, and will do service unto his parents, as to his masters.

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|| ver. 2.

8 ^b Honour thy father and mother both in word and deed, that a blessing may come upon thee from them.

9 For ^c the blessing of the father establisheth the houses of children; but the curse of the mother rooteth out foundations.

|| Gen. 27.
27, 28, 29.
Deut. 33. 1.

10 Glory not in the dishonour of thy father; for thy father's dishonour is no glory unto thee.

11 For the glory of a man is from the honour of his father; and a mother in dishonour is a reproach to the children.

12 My son, help thy father in his age, and grieve him not as long as he liveth.

13 And if his understanding fail, have patience with him; and despise him not when thou art || in thy full strength.

|| Or, in *all*
thine ability.

14 For the relieving of thy father shall not be forgotten: and instead of sins it shall be added to build thee up.

15 In the day of thine affliction it shall be remembered; thy sins also shall melt away, as the ice in the fair warm weather.

16 He that forsaketh his father is as a blasphemer; and he that angereth his mother is cursed of God.

17 My son, go on with thy business in meekness; so shalt thou be beloved of him that is approved.

18 ^d The greater thou art, the more humble thyself, and thou shalt find favour before the Lord.

|| Phil. 2. 2.

19 Many are in high place, and of renown: but ^e mysteries are revealed unto the meek.

|| Ps. 25. 9.
14.

20 For the power of the Lord is great, and he is honoured of the lowly.

21 ^f Seek not out the things that are too hard for thee, neither search the things that are above thy strength.

|| Prov. 25. 27.
Rom. 12. 3.

22 But what is commanded thee, think thereupon *with reverence*; for it is not needful for thee to see *with thine eyes* the things that are in secret.

23 Be not curious in unnecessary matters: for more things are shewed unto thee than men understand.

24 For many are deceived by their own vain opinion; and an evil suspicion hath overthrown their judgment.

25 Without eyes thou shalt want

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light: profess not the knowledge therefore that thou hast not.

26 A stubborn heart shall fare evil at the last; and he that loveth danger shall perish therein.

27 An obstinate heart shall be laden with sorrows; and the wicked man shall heap sin upon sin.

|| Or, The proud man is not healed by his punishment.

28 || In the punishment of the proud there is no remedy; for the plant of wickedness hath taken root in him.

29 The heart of the prudent will understand a parable; and an attentive ear is the desire of a wise man.

g Ps. 41. 1, &c.
Dan. 4. 27.
Matt. 5. 7.

30 g Water will quench a flaming fire; and alms maketh an atonement for sins.

31 And he that requiteth good turns is mindful of that which may come hereafter; and when he falleth, he shall find a stay.

CHAP. IV.

1 We may not despise the poor or fatherless, 11 but seek for wisdom, 20 and not be ashamed of some things, nor gainsay the truth, 30 nor be as lions in our houses.

MY son, defraud not the poor of his living, and make not the needy eyes to wait long.

2 Make not an hungry soul sorrowful; neither provoke a man in his distress.

a Prov. 8. 27, 28.

3 Add not more trouble to an heart that is vexed; and a defer not to give to him that is in need.

4 Reject not the supplication of the afflicted; neither turn away thy face from a poor man.

b Tobit 4. 7.
Matt. 5. 42.
|| Or, him that asketh.

5 b Turn not away thine eye from || the needy, and give him none occasion to curse thee:

c Deu. 15. 9.

6 c For if he curse thee in the bitterness of his soul, his prayer shall be heard of him that made him.

7 Get thyself the love of the congregation, and bow thy head to a great man.

8 Let it not grieve thee to bow down thine ear to the poor, and give him a friendly answer with meekness.

d Isai. 1. 17.
Jer. 22. 3.

9 d Deliver him that suffereth wrong from the hand of the oppressor; and be not fainthearted when thou sittest in judgment.

e Job 29. 16.
& 31. 18.
Isai. 1. 17.
James 1. 27.

10 e Be as a father unto the fatherless, and instead of an husband unto their mother: so shalt thou be as the son of the most High, and he shall love thee more than thy mother doth.

11 Wisdom exalteth her children, and layeth hold of them that seek her.

12 f He that loveth her loveth life; and they that seek to her early shall be filled with joy.

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f Prov. 8. 18.

13 He that holdeth her fast shall inherit glory; and wheresoever she entereth, the Lord will bless.

14 They that serve her shall minister || to the Holy One: and them that love her the Lord doth love.

|| Or, in the sanctuary.

15 Whoso giveth ear unto her shall judge the nations: and he that attendeth unto her shall dwell securely.

16 If a man commit himself unto her, he shall inherit her; and his generation shall hold her in possession.

17 For at the first she will walk with him by crooked ways, and bring fear and dread upon him, and torment him with her discipline, until she may trust his soul, and try him by her laws.

18 Then will she return the straight way unto him, and comfort him, and shew him her secrets.

19 But if he go wrong, she will forsake him, and give him over to his own ruin.

20 Observe the opportunity, and beware of evil; and be not ashamed when it concerneth thy soul.

21 For there is a shame that bringeth sin; and there is a shame which is glory and grace.

22 Accept no person against thy soul, and let not the reverence of any man cause thee to fall.

23 And refrain not to speak, † when there is occasion to do good, and hide not thy wisdom in her beauty.

† Gr. in time of saving.

24 For by speech wisdom shall be known: and learning by the word of the tongue.

25 In no wise speak against the truth; but be abashed of the error of thine ignorance.

26 Be not ashamed to confess thy sins; || and force not the course of the river.

|| Or, and strive not against the stream.

27 Make not thyself an underling to a foolish man; neither accept the person of the mighty.

28 Strive for the truth unto death, and the Lord shall fight for thee.

29 g Be not hasty in thy tongue, and in thy deeds slack and remiss.

g Jam. 1. 19.

30 Be not as a lion in thy house, nor frantick among thy servants.

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^a Acts 20.35.
|| Or, give.

31 ^h Let not thine hand be stretched out to receive, and shut when thou shouldest || repay.

CHAP. V.

1 *We must not presume of our wealth and strength, 6 nor of the mercy of God, to sin. 9 We must not be double-tongued, 12 nor answer without knowledge.*

^a 1 Tim. 6.
17.
^b Luke 12.
15, 19.

^a **S**ET not thy heart upon thy goods; and say not, ^b I have enough for my life.

^c Prov. 3. 5.

2 ^c Follow not thine own mind and thy strength, to walk in the ways of thy heart:

3 And say not, Who shall controul me for my works? for the Lord will surely revenge thy pride.

^d Eccles. 8.
11.

4 ^d Say not, I have sinned, and what harm hath happened unto me? ^e for the Lord is longsuffering, ^f he will in no wise let thee go.

^e 2 Pet. 3. 9.
^f Ex. 34. 7.
ch. 16. 13.

^g ch. 21. 1.

5 Concerning propitiation, ^g be not without fear to add sin unto sin:

^h ch. 16. 11,
12.

6 And say not, His mercy is great; he will be pacified for the multitude of my sins: ^h for mercy and wrath come from him, and his indignation resteth upon sinners.

7 Make no tarrying to turn to the Lord, and put not off from day to day: for suddenly shall the wrath of the Lord come forth, and in thy security thou shalt be destroyed, and perish in the day of vengeance.

ⁱ Prov. 10. 2.
& 11. 4.
Ezek. 7. 19.

8 ⁱ Set not thine heart upon goods unjustly gotten; for they shall not profit thee in the day of calamity.

9 Winnow not with every wind, and go not into every way: for so doth the sinner that hath a double tongue.

10 Be stedfast in thy understanding; and let thy word be the same.

^k Jam. 1. 19.

11 ^k Be swift to hear; and let thy life be sincere; ^l and with patience give answer.

^l 1 Pet. 3. 15.

12 If thou hast understanding, answer thy neighbour; if not, lay thy hand upon thy mouth.

^m Matt. 12.
37.

13 ^m Honour and shame is in talk: and the tongue of man is his fall.

ⁿ Rom. 1. 29.

14 ⁿ Be not called a whisperer, and lie not in wait with thy tongue: for a foul shame is upon the thief, and an evil condemnation upon the double tongue.

15 Be not ignorant of any thing in a great matter or a small.

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2 *Do not extol thine own conceit, 7 but make choice of a friend. 18 Seek wisdom betimes. 20 It is grievous to some, 28 yet the fruits thereof are pleasant. 35 Be ready to hear wise men.*

INSTEAD of a friend become not an enemy; for [thereby] thou shalt inherit an ill name, shame, and reproach: even so shall a sinner that hath a double tongue.

2 Extol not thyself in the counsel of thine own heart; that thy soul be not torn in pieces as a bull [straying alone.]

3 Thou shalt eat up thy leaves, and lose thy fruit, and leave thyself as a dry tree.

4 A wicked soul shall destroy him that hath it, and shall make him to be laughed to scorn of his enemies.

5 ⁺ ^a Sweet language will multiply friends: and a fairspeaking tongue will increase kind greetings.

⁺ Gr. *A sweet throat.*
^a ch. 20. 13.

6 Be in peace with many: nevertheless have but one counsellor of a thousand.

7 If thou wouldest get a friend, || prove him first, and be not hasty to credit him.

|| Or, *get him in the time of trouble.*

8 For some man is a friend for his own occasion, and will not abide in the day of thy trouble.

9 And there is a friend, who being turned to enmity and strife will discover thy reproach.

10 ^b Again, some friend is a companion at the table, and will not continue in the day of thy affliction.

^b ch. 37. 4, 5.

11 But in thy prosperity he will be as thyself, and will be bold over thy servants.

12 If thou be brought low, he will be against thee, and will hide himself from thy face.

13 Separate thyself from thine enemies, and take heed of thy friends.

14 A faithful friend is a strong defence: and he that hath found such an one hath found a treasure.

15 Nothing doth countervail a faithful friend, and his excellency is invaluable.

16 A faithful friend is the medicine of life; and they that fear the Lord shall find him.

17 Whoso feareth the Lord shall direct his friendship aright: for as he is, so shall his neighbour be also.

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18 My son, gather instruction from thy youth up: so shalt thou find wisdom till thine old age.

19 Come unto her as one that ploweth and soweth, and wait for her good fruits: for thou shalt not toil much in labouring about her, but thou shalt eat of her fruits right soon.

20 She is very unpleasant to the unlearned: he that is without || understanding will not remain with her.

21 She will lie upon him as a ^cmighty stone of trial; and he will cast her from him ere it be long.

22 For wisdom is according to her name, and she is not manifest unto many.

23 Give ear, my son, receive my advice, and refuse not my counsel,

24 And put thy feet into her fetters, and thy neck into her || chain.

25 Bow ^ddown thy shoulder, and bear her, and be not grieved with her bonds.

26 Come unto her with thy whole heart, and keep her ways with all thy power.

27 Search, and seek, and she shall be made known unto thee: and when thou hast got hold of her, let her not go.

28 For at the last thou shalt find her rest, and that shall be turned to thy joy.

29 Then shall her fetters be a strong defence for thee, and her chains a robe of glory.

30 For there is a golden ornament upon her, and her bands are || purple lace.

31 Thou shalt put her on as a robe of honour, and shalt put her about thee as a crown of joy.

32 My son, if thou wilt, thou shalt be taught: and if thou wilt apply thy mind, thou shalt be prudent.

33 If thou love to hear, thou shalt receive understanding: and if thou bow thine ear, thou shalt be wise.

34 Stand in the multitude of the ^eelders; and cleave unto him that is wise.

35 Be willing to hear every godly discourse; and let not the parables of understanding escape thee.

36 And if thou seest a man of understanding, get thee betimes unto him, and let thy foot wear the steps of his door.

37 Let thy mind be upon the ordinances of the Lord, and ^fmeditate continually in his commandments: he shall establish thine heart, and give thee wisdom at thine own desire.

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^f Ps. 1. 2.

CHAP. VII.

¹ We are exhorted from sin, ⁴ from ambition, ⁸ presumption, ¹⁰ and fainting in prayer: ¹² from lying and backbiting, ¹⁸ and how to esteem a friend: ¹⁹ a good wife: ²⁰ a servant: ²² our cattle: ²³ our children and parents: ³¹ the Lord and his priests: ³² the poor, and those that mourn.

DO no evil, ^aso shall no harm come unto thee. ^a 1 Pet. 3. 13.

² Depart from the unjust, and iniquity shall turn away from thee.

³ My son, ^bsow not upon the furrows of unrighteousness, and thou shalt not reap them sevenfold. ^b Job 4. 8. Prov. 22. 8.

⁴ Seek not of the Lord preeminence, neither of the king the seat of honour.

⁵ ^cJustify not thyself before the Lord; and boast not of thy wisdom before the king. ^c Job 9. 20. Ps. 143. 2. Eccles. 7. 16. Luke 18. 11.

⁶ Seek not to be judge, being not able to take away iniquity; lest at any time ^dthou fear the person of the mighty, and lay a stumblingblock in the way of thy uprightness. ^d Lev. 19. 15.

⁷ Offend not against the multitude of a city, and then thou shalt not cast thyself down among the people.

⁸ Bind not one sin upon another; for in one thou shalt not be unpunished.

⁹ ^eSay not, God will look upon the multitude of my oblations, and when I offer to the most high God, he will accept it. ^e Prov. 21. 27.

¹⁰ Be not fainthearted when thou makest thy prayer, and neglect not to give alms.

¹¹ Laugh no man to scorn in the bitterness of his soul: for ^fthere is one which humbleth and exalteth. ^f 1 Sam. 2. 7.

¹² [†]Devise not a lie against thy brother; neither do the like to thy friend. [†] Gr. Plow not.

¹³ Use not to make any manner of lie: for the custom thereof is not good.

¹⁴ Use not many words in a multitude of elders, ^gand make not || much babbling when thou prayest. ^g Eccles. 5. 2. Matt. 6. 7. || Or, vain repetition.

¹⁵ Hate not laborious work, neither husbandry, ^hwhich the most High hath [†]ordained. ^h Gen. 3. 19. 23. [†] Gr. oriented.

¹⁶ Number not thyself among the multitude of sinners, but remember that wrath will not tarry long.

|| Or, heart.

^c Zech. 12. 3.

|| Or, collar.

^d Matt. 11. 29.

|| Or, a ribband of blue silk, Num. 15. 38.

^e ch. 8. 2.

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17 Humble thy soul greatly: for the vengeance of the ungodly is fire and worms.

18 Change not a friend for any good by no means; neither a faithful brother for the gold of Ophir.

ⁱProv. 31. 10. 19 Forego not a wise and good woman: ⁱfor her grace is above gold.

^kLev. 19. 13. 20 ^kWhereas thy servant worketh truly, entreat him not evil, nor the hireling that bestoweth himself wholly for thee.

21 Let thy soul love a good servant, and defraud him not of liberty.

^lDeu. 25. 4. 22 ^lHast thou cattle? have an eye to them: and if they be for thy profit, keep them with thee.

^mProv. 22. 6. Eph. 6. 4. 23 Hast thou children? ^minstruct them, and bow down their neck from their youth.

24 Hast thou daughters? have a care of their body, and shew not thyself cheerful toward them.

25 Marry thy daughter, and so shalt thou have performed a weighty matter: but give her to a man of understanding.

26 Hast thou a wife after thy mind? forsake her not: but give not thyself over to a ⁿlight woman.

ⁿ Or,
hateful.

ⁿ Tobit 4. 3.
ch. 3. 2, &c.

27 ⁿHonour thy father with thy whole heart, and forget not the sorrows of thy mother.

28 Remember that thou wast begotten of them; and how canst thou recompense them the things that they have done for thee?

29 Fear the Lord with all thy soul, and reverence his priests.

^o Deut. 6. 5.

^pDeu. 12. 19. 30 ^oLove him that made thee with all thy strength, ^pand forsake not his ministers.

^qLev. 2. 3, 10, & 6. 16, & 7. 7, 9, 34. Num. 5. 9, & 18. 8,—19. 31 Fear the Lord, and honour the priest; and give him his portion, ^qas it is commanded thee; the firstfruits, and the trespass offering, and the gift of the shoulders, and the sacrifice of sanctification, and the firstfruits of the holy things.

^r Deut. 15. 8, 10.

^r Or, thy
liberality.

32 ^rAnd stretch thine hand unto the poor, that ^rthy blessing may be perfected.

33 A gift hath grace in the sight of every man living; and for the dead detain it not.

^sRom. 12. 15.

34 ^sFail not to be with them that

weep, and mourn with them that mourn.

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35 ^tBe not slow to visit the sick: for that shall make thee to be beloved.

^t Matt. 25.
36, 39, 43.

36 Whatsoever thou takest in hand, remember the end, and thou shalt never do amiss.

CHAP. VIII.

¹ Whom we may not strive with, ⁸ nor despise, ¹⁰ nor provoke, ¹⁵ nor have to do with.

STRIVE not with ¹a mighty man, lest thou fall into his hands.

² ^aBe not at variance with a rich man, lest he overweigh thee: for gold ^bhath destroyed many, and perverted the hearts of kings.

^a Mat. 5. 25.

^b ch. 31. 6.

³ Strive not with a man that is ^{||} full of tongue, and heap not wood upon his fire.

^{||} Or, of an
evil tongue.

⁴ Jest not with a rude man, lest thy ancestors be disgraced.

⁵ ^cReproach not a man that turneth from sin, but remember that we are all worthy of punishment.

^c 2 Cor. 2. 6.
Gal. 6. 2.

⁶ ^dDishonour not a man in his old age: for even some of us wax old.

^d Lev. 19. 32.

⁷ Rejoice not over thy greatest enemy being dead, but remember that we die all.

⁸ Despise not the discourse of the wise, but acquaint thyself with their proverbs: for of them thou shalt learn instruction, and how to serve great men with ease.

⁹ ^eMiss not the discourse of the elders: for they also learned of their fathers, and of them thou shalt learn understanding, and to give answer as need requireth.

^e ch. 6. 34.

¹⁰ Kindle not the coals of a sinner, lest thou be burnt with the flame of his fire.

¹¹ Rise not up [in anger] at the presence of an injurious person, lest he lie in wait ^{||} to entrap thee in thy words.

^{||} Or, for thy
mouth.

¹² Lend not unto him that is mightier than thyself; for if thou lendest him, count it but lost.

¹³ Be not surety above thy power: for if thou be surety, take care to pay it.

¹⁴ Go not to law with a judge; for they will judge for him according to his ^{||} honour.

^{||} Or,
opinion.
^f Gen. 4. 8.

¹⁵ ^fTravel not by the way with a bold fellow, lest he become grievous

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unto thee: for he will do according to his own will, and thou shalt perish with him through his folly.

^s Prov. 22.
24.

16 ^a Strive not with an angry man, and go not with him into a solitary place: for blood is as nothing in his sight; and where there is no help, he will overthrow thee.

17 Consult not with a fool; for he cannot keep counsel.

18 Do no secret thing before a stranger; for thou knowest not what he will bring forth.

19 Open not thine heart to every man, lest he requite thee with a shrewd turn.

CHAP. IX.

¹ We are advised how to use our wives. ³ What women to avoid. ¹⁰ And not to change an old friend. ¹³ Not to be familiar with men in authority, ¹⁴ but to know our neighbours, ¹⁵ and to converse with wise men.

BE not jealous over the wife of thy bosom, and teach her not an evil lesson against thyself.

2 Give not thy soul unto a woman to set her foot upon thy substance.

^a Prov. 7. 5,
&c.

3 ^a Meet not with an harlot, lest thou fall into her snares.

4 Use not much the company of a woman that ^{||} is a singer, lest thou be taken with her attempts.

^{||} Or, play-
eth upon
instruments.

^b Job 31. 1.

5 ^b Gaze not on a maid, that thou fall not by those things that are precious in her.

6 Give not thy soul unto harlots, that thou lose not thine inheritance.

7 Look not round about thee in the streets of the city, neither wander thou in the solitary places thereof.

^c Gen. 34. 2.
² Sam. 11. 2.
Judith 10.
19. & 12. 16.
Matt. 5. 28.

8 ^c Turn away thine eye from a beautiful woman, and look not upon another's beauty; for many have been deceived by the beauty of a woman; for herewith love is kindled as a fire.

9 Sit not at all with another man's wife, nor sit down with her in thine arms, and spend not thy money with her at the wine; lest thine heart incline unto her, and so through thy desire thou fall into destruction.

10 Forsake not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him: a new friend is as new wine; when it is old, thou shalt drink it with pleasure.

^d Ps. 37. 1,
&c. & 73.
3, 17.

11 ^d Envy not the glory of a sinner: for thou knowest not what shall be his end.

12 Delight not in the thing that the ungodly have pleasure in; but remember they shall not go unpunished unto their grave.

13 Keep thee far from the man that hath power to kill; so shalt thou not doubt the fear of death: and if thou come unto him, make no fault, lest he take away thy life presently: remember that thou goest in the midst of snares, and that thou walkest upon the battlements of the city.

14 As near as thou canst, guess at thy neighbour, and consult with the wise.

15 Let thy talk be with the wise, ^e and all thy communication in the law ^e Ps. 1. 2. of the most High.

16 And let just men eat and drink with thee; and let thy glorying be in the fear of the Lord.

17 For the hand of the artificer the work shall be commended: and the wise ruler of the people for his speech.

18 A man of an ill tongue is dangerous in his city; and he that is rash in his talk shall be hated.

CHAP. X.

¹ The commodities of a wise ruler. ⁴ God setteth him up. ⁷ The inconveniences of pride, injustice, and covetousness. ¹⁴ What God hath done to the proud. ¹⁹ Who shall be honoured, ²⁹ and who not.

A WISE judge will instruct his people; and the government of a prudent man is well ordered.

2 ^a As the judge of the people is himself, so are his officers; and what manner of man the ruler of the city is, such are all they that dwell therein. ^a Prov. 29. 12.

3 An unwise king destroyeth his people; but through the prudence of them which are in authority the city shall be inhabited.

4 The power of the earth is in the hand of the Lord, and in due time he will set over it one that is profitable.

5 In the hand of God is the prosperity of man: and upon the ^{||} person of the scribe shall he lay his honour. ^{||} Or, *face*.

6 ^b Bear not hatred to thy neighbour for every wrong; and do nothing at all by injurious practices. ^b Lev. 19. 17. Mat. 18. 21.

7 Pride is hateful before God and man: and by both doth one commit iniquity.

8 Because of unrighteous dealings, injuries, and riches got by deceit, the

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kingdom is translated from one people to another.

9 Why is earth and ashes proud? There is not a more wicked thing than a covetous man: for such an one setteth his own soul to sale; because while he liveth he casteth away his bowels.

10 The physician cutteth off a long disease; and he that is to day a king to morrow shall die.

11 For when a man is dead, he shall inherit ^c creeping things, beasts, and worms.

12 The beginning of pride is when one departeth from God, and his heart is turned away from his Maker.

13 For pride is the beginning of sin, and he that hath it shall pour out abomination: and therefore the Lord brought upon them strange calamities, and overthrew them utterly.

^d 1 Sam. 2. 8.
Luke 1. 52.

14 ^d The Lord hath cast down the thrones of proud princes, and set up the meek in their stead.

15 The Lord hath plucked up the roots of the proud nations, and planted the lowly in their place.

16 The Lord overthrew countries of the heathen, and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth.

17 He took some of them away, and destroyed them, and hath made their memorial to cease from the earth.

18 Pride was not made for men, nor furious anger for them that are born of a woman.

19 They that fear the Lord are a sure seed, and they that love him an honourable plant: they that regard not the law are a dishonourable seed; they that transgress the commandments are a ^{||} deceivable seed.

^{||} Or,
unstable
generation.

20 Among brethren he that is chief is honourable; so are they that fear the Lord in his eyes.

21 The fear of the Lord goeth before ^{||} the obtaining of authority: but roughness and pride is the losing thereof.

^{||} Or,
principalty.

22 Whether he be rich, noble, or poor, their glory is the fear of the Lord.

23 It is not meet to despise the poor man that hath understanding; neither is it convenient to magnify a sinful man.

24 Great men, and judges, and potentates, shall be honoured; yet is there

none of them greater than he that feareth the Lord.

25 ^a Unto the servant that is wise shall they that are free do service: and he that hath knowledge ^f will not grudge when he is reformed.

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^a Prov. 17. 2.

^f 2 Sam. 12.
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Prov. 15. 5.

26 Be not overwise in doing thy business; and boast not thyself in the time of thy distress.

27 ^a Better is he that laboureth, and aboundeth in all things, than he that boasteth himself, and wanteth bread.

^a Prov. 12. 9.

28 My son, glorify thy soul in meekness, and give it honour according to the dignity thereof.

29 Who will justify him that sinneth against his own soul? and who will honour him that dishonoureth his own life?

30 The poor man is honoured for his skill, and the rich man is honoured for his riches.

31 He that is honoured in poverty, how much more in riches? and he that is dishonourable in riches, how much more in poverty?

CHAP. XI.

⁴ We may not vaunt or set forth ourselves, ⁸ nor answer rashly, ¹⁰ nor meddle with many matters. ¹⁴ Wealth and all things else are from God. ²⁴ Brag not of thy wealth, ²⁹ nor bring every man into thy house.

WISDOM lifteth up the head ^{||} of him that is of low degree, and ^a maketh him to sit among great men.

^{||} Or, of the lowly.

^a Gen. 41. 40.
Dan. 6. 3.

2 Commend not a man for his beauty; neither abhor a man for his outward appearance.

3 The bee is little among such as fly; but her fruit is the chief of sweet things.

4 ^b Boast not of thy clothing and raiment, and exalt not thyself in the day of honour: for ^c the works of the Lord are wonderful, and his works among men are hidden.

^b Acts 12.
21.

^c Ps. 139. 14.

5 Many [†] kings have sat down upon the ground; and one that was never thought of hath worn the crown.

[†] Gr.
tyrants.

6 ^d Many mighty men have been greatly disgraced; and the honourable delivered into other men's hands.

^d 1 Sam. 15.
28.
Esth. 7. 10.

7 ^e Blame not before thou hast examined the truth: understand first, and then rebuke.

^e Deu. 13. 14.
& 17. 6, 7.

8 ^f Answer not before thou hast heard the cause: neither interrupt men in the midst of their talk.

^f Prov. 18.
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§ Ps. 1. 1.
|| Or, in the
judgment of
sinners.

|| Or,
escape hurt.
h Prov. 10. 3.
Matt. 19. 22.
1 Tim. 6. 9.

k 1 Sam. 2. 7.
Job 1. 21.
Ezek. 28.
4, &c.

l Luke 12.
19.

|| Or, pass.
m Ps. 49. 10.
ch. 14. 4.

n Matt. 10.
22.

|| Or, for a
reward.

o Mal. 3. 14.

9 Strive not in a matter that concerneth thee not; and sit not in judgment with sinners.

10 My son, meddle not with many matters: for if thou meddle much, thou shalt not be innocent; and if thou follow after, thou shalt not obtain, neither shalt thou escape by fleeing.

11 There is one that laboureth, and taketh pains, and maketh haste, and is so much the more behind.

12 Again, there is another that is slow, and hath need of help, wanting ability, and full of poverty; yet the eye of the Lord looked upon him for good, and set him up from his low estate,

13 And lifted up his head from misery; so that many that saw it marvelled at him.

14 Prosperity and adversity, life and death, poverty and riches, come of the Lord.

15 Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the law, are of the Lord: love, and the way of good works, are from him.

16 Error and darkness had their beginning together with sinners: and evil shall wax old with them that glory therein.

17 The gift of the Lord remaineth with the godly, and his favour bringeth prosperity for ever.

18 There is that waxeth rich by his wariness and pinching, and this is the portion of his reward:

19 Whereas he saith, I have found rest, and now will eat continually of my goods; and yet he knoweth not what time shall come upon him, and that he must leave those things to others, and die.

20 Be steadfast in thy covenant, and be conversant therein, and wax old in thy work.

21 Marvel not at the works of sinners; but trust in the Lord, and abide in thy labour: for it is an easy thing in the sight of the Lord on the sudden to make a poor man rich.

22 The blessing of the Lord is in the reward of the godly, and suddenly he maketh his blessing to flourish.

23 Say not, What profit is there of my service? and what good things shall I have hereafter?

24 Again, say not, I have enough, and possess many things, and what evil can come to me hereafter?

25 In the day of prosperity there is a forgetfulness of affliction: and in the day of affliction there is no more remembrance of prosperity.

26 For it is an easy thing unto the Lord in the day of death to reward a man according to his ways.

27 The affliction of an hour maketh a man forget pleasure: and in his end his deeds shall be discovered.

28 Judge none blessed before his death: for a man shall be known in his children.

29 Bring not every man into thine house: for the deceitful man hath many trains.

30 Like as a partridge taken [and kept] in a cage, so is the heart of the proud; and like as a spy, watcheth he for thy fall:

31 For he lieth in wait, and turneth good into evil, and in things worthy praise will lay blame upon thee.

32 Of a spark of fire a heap of coals is kindled: and a sinful man layeth wait for blood.

33 Take heed of a mischievous man, for he worketh wickedness; lest he bring upon thee a perpetual blot.

34 Receive a stranger into thine house, and he will disturb thee, and turn thee out of thine own.

CHAP. XII.

2 Be not liberal to the ungodly. 10 Trust not thine enemy, nor the wicked.

WHEN thou wilt do good, know to whom thou doest it; so shalt thou be thanked for thy benefits.

2 Do good to the godly man, and thou shalt find a recompence; and if not from him, yet from the most High.

3 There can no good come to him that is always occupied in evil, nor to him that giveth no alms.

4 Give to the godly man, and help not a sinner.

5 Do well unto him that is lowly, but give not to the ungodly: hold back thy bread, and give it not unto him, lest he overmaster thee thereby: for [else] thou shalt receive twice as much evil for all the good thou shalt have done unto him.

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* Matt. 7. 6.

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6 For the most High hateth sinners, and will repay vengeance unto the ungodly, and keepeth them against the mighty day of their punishment.

7 Give unto the good, and help not the sinner.

8 A friend cannot be known in prosperity: and an enemy cannot be hidden in adversity.

9 In the prosperity of a man enemies will be grieved: but in his adversity even a friend will depart.

10 Never trust thine enemy: for like *|| Or, brass.* as *||* iron rusteth, so is his wickedness.

11 Though he humble himself, and go crouching, yet take good heed and beware of him, and thou shalt be unto him as if thou hadst wiped a looking-glass, and thou shalt know that his rust hath not been altogether wiped away.

12 Set him not by thee, lest, when he hath overthrown thee, he stand up in thy place; neither let him sit at thy right hand, lest he seek to take thy seat, and thou at the last remember my words, and be pricked therewith.

13 Who will pity a charmer that is bitten with a serpent, or any such as come nigh wild beasts?

14 So one that goeth to a sinner, and is *|| Or, mingled.* *||* defiled with him in his sins, who will pity?

15 For a while he will abide with thee, but if thou begin to fall, he will not tarry.

16 An enemy speaketh sweetly with his lips, but in his heart he imagineth how to throw thee into a pit: he will *b Jer. 41. 6.* weep with his eyes, but if he find opportunity, he will not be satisfied with blood.

17 If adversity come upon thee, thou shalt find him there first; and though he pretend to help thee, yet shall he *|| Or, supplant.* *||* undermine thee.

18 He will shake his head, and clap his hands, and whisper much, and change his countenance.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Keep not company with the proud, or a mightier than thyself.* 15 *Like will to like.* 21 *The difference between the rich and the poor.* 25 *A man's heart will change his countenance.*

a Dent. 7. 2. **H**E that toucheth pitch shall be defiled therewith; and *a* he that hath fellowship with a proud man shall be like unto him.

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2 Burden not thyself above thy power while thou livest; and have no fellowship with one that is mightier and richer than thyself: for how agree the kettle and the earthen pot together? *†* for if the one be smitten against the other, it shall be broken. *† Gr. this shall smile against it, and be broken.*

3 The rich man hath done wrong, and yet he threateneth withal: the poor is wronged, and he must intreat also.

4 If thou be for his profit, he will use thee: but if thou have nothing, he will forsake thee.

5 If thou have any thing, he will live with thee: yea, he will make thee bare, and will not be sorry for it.

6 If he have need of thee, he will deceive thee, and smile upon thee, and put thee in hope; he will speak thee fair, and say, What wantest thou?

7 And he will shame thee by his meats, until he have drawn thee dry twice or thrice, and at the last he will laugh thee to scorn: afterward, when he seeth thee, he will forsake thee, and shake his head at thee.

8 Beware that thou be not deceived, and brought down *|| Or, by thy simplicity.* *||* in thy jollity.

9 If thou be invited of a mighty man, withdraw thyself, and so much the more will he invite thee.

10 Press thou not upon him, lest thou be put back; stand not far off, lest thou be forgotten.

11 *|| Or, Forbear not.* *|| Or, but.* Affect not to be made equal unto him in talk, *||* and believe not his many words: for with much communication will he tempt thee, and smiling upon thee will get out thy secrets:

12 But cruelly he will lay up thy words, and will not spare to do thee hurt, and to put thee in prison.

13 Observe, and take good heed, for thou walkest in peril of thy overthrowing: when thou hearest these things, awake in thy sleep.

14 Love the Lord all thy life, and call upon him for thy salvation.

15 Every beast loveth his like, and every man loveth his neighbour.

16 All flesh consorteth according to kind, and a man will cleave to his like.

17 *b 2 Cor. 6. 14.* What fellowship hath the wolf with the lamb? so the sinner with the godly.

18 What agreement is there between

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the hyena and a dog? and what peace between the rich and the poor?

19 As the wild ass is the lion's prey in the wilderness: so ^c the rich eat up the poor.

20 As the proud hate humility: so doth the rich abhor the poor.

21 A rich man beginning to fall is held up of his friends: but a poor man being down is thrust also away by his friends.

^d Eccles. 9.
15, 16.

22 When a rich man is fallen, he hath many helpers: he speaketh things not to be spoken, and yet men justify him: the poor man slipped, and yet they rebuked him too; ^d he spake wisely, and could have no place.

^e Job 29. 9.

23 When a rich man speaketh, ^e every man holdeth his tongue, and, look, what he saith, they extol it to the clouds: but if the poor man speak, they say, What fellow is this? and if he stumble, they will help to overthrow him.

24 Riches are good unto him that hath no sin, and poverty is evil in the mouth of the ungodly.

^f Prov. 15.
13.

25 The heart of a man changeth his countenance, whether it be for good or evil: and ^f a merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.

26 A cheerful countenance is a token of a heart that is in prosperity; and the finding out of parables is a wearisome labour of the mind.

CHAP. XIV.

¹ A good conscience maketh men happy. ⁵ The niggard doeth good to none. ¹³ But do thou good. ²⁰ Men are happy that draw near to wisdom.

^a ch. 19. 16.
& 25. 8.
James 3. 2.

BLESSED ^a is the man that hath not slipped with his mouth, and is not pricked with the ^{||} multitude of sins.

^b Rom. 14.
22.
¹ John 3. 21.

2 ^b Blessed is he whose conscience hath not condemned him, and who is not fallen from his hope in the Lord.

3 Riches are not comely for a niggard: and what should an envious man do with money?

^c ch. 11. 19.
var. 15.

4 He that gathereth by defrauding his own soul ^c gathereth for others, that shall spend his goods riotously.

5 He that is evil to himself, to whom will he be good? he shall not take pleasure in his goods.

6 There is none worse than he that envieth himself; and this is a recompence of his wickedness.

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7 And if he doeth good, he doeth it unwillingly; and at the last he will declare his wickedness.

8 The envious man hath a wicked eye; he turneth away his face, and despiseth men.

^d Prov. 27.
20.

9 A ^d covetous man's eye is not satisfied with his portion; and the iniquity of the wicked drieth up his soul.

10 ^e A wicked eye envieth [his] bread, and he is a niggard at his table.

^e Prov. 23.
6, 7.

11 My son, according to thy ability do good to thyself, and give the Lord his due offering.

12 Remember that death will not be long in coming, and that the covenant of the grave is not shewed unto thee.

13 ^f Do good unto thy friend before thou die, and according to thy ability stretch out thy hand and give to him.

^f Tobit 4. 7.
Luke 14. 13.

14 ^g Defraud not thyself of ^{||} the good day, and let not the part of a good desire overpass thee.

^g Eccles. 5.
18, &c. &
6. 1, &c.
^{||} Or, the
feast day.
^h ver. 4.

15 ^h Shalt thou not leave thy travails unto another? and thy labours to be divided by lot?

16 Give, and take, and sanctify thy soul; for there is no seeking of dainties in the grave.

17 ⁱ All flesh waxeth old as a garment: for the covenant from the beginning is, ^k Thou shalt die the death.

ⁱ Ps. 102. 26.
Isai. 40. 6.
Heb. 1. 11.
James 1. 10.
¹ Pet. 1. 24.
^k Gen. 2. 17.
& 3. 19.

18 As of the green leaves on a thick tree, some fall, and some grow; so is the generation of flesh and blood, ^l one cometh to an end, and another is born.

^l Eccles. 1. 4.

19 Every work rotteth and consumeth away, and the worker thereof shall go withal.

20 ^m Blessed is the man that doth meditate good things in wisdom, and that reasoneth of holy things by his understanding.

^m Ps. 1. 2.

21 He that considereth her ways in his heart shall also have understanding in her secrets.

22 Go after her as one that traceth, and lie in wait in her ways.

23 He that prieth in at her windows shall also hearken at her doors.

24 He that doth lodge near her house shall also fasten a ^{||} pin in her walls.

^{||} Or, stake.

25 He shall pitch his tent nigh unto her, and shall lodge in a lodging where good things are.

26 He shall set his children under

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ⁿ Wisd. 10.
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her shelter, and shall lodge under her branches.

27 ⁿ By her he shall be covered from heat, and in her glory shall he dwell.

CHAP. XV.

² Wisdom embraceth those that fear God. ⁷ The wicked shall not get her. ¹¹ We may not charge God with our faults: ¹⁴ for he made, and left us to ourselves.

HE that feareth the Lord will do good; and he that hath the knowledge of the law shall obtain her.

2 And as a mother shall she meet him, and receive him as a wife married of a virgin.

3 With the bread of understanding shall she feed him, and give him the water of wisdom to drink.

4 He shall be stayed upon her, and shall not be moved; and shall rely upon her, and shall not be confounded.

5 She shall exalt him above his neighbours, and in the midst of the congregation shall she open his mouth.

6 He shall find joy and a crown of gladness, and she shall cause him to inherit an everlasting name.

7 But foolish men shall not attain unto her, and sinners shall not see her.

8 For she is far from pride, and men that are liars cannot remember her.

9 ^a Praise is not seemly in the mouth of a sinner, for ^{||} it was not sent him of the Lord.

10 For ^{||} praise shall be uttered in wisdom, and the Lord will prosper it.

11 ^b Say not thou, It is through the Lord that I fell away: for thou oughtest not to do the things that he hateth.

12 Say not thou, He hath caused me to err: for he hath no need of the sinful man.

13 The Lord hateth all abomination; and they that fear God love it not.

14 He himself ^c made man from the beginning, ^d and left him in the hand of his counsel;

15 If thou wilt, to ^e keep the commandments, and to perform acceptable faithfulness.

16 ^f He hath set fire and water before thee: stretch forth thy hand unto whether thou wilt.

17 ^g Before man is life and death; and whether him liketh shall be given him.

18 ^h For the wisdom of the Lord is

great, and he is mighty in power, and beholdeth all things:

19 And ⁱ his eyes are upon them that fear him, and he knoweth every work of man.

20 He hath commanded no man to do wickedly, neither hath he given any man licence to sin.

CHAP. XVI.

¹ It is better to have none, than many lewd children. ⁶ The wicked are not spared for their number. ¹² Both the wrath and the mercy of the Lord are great. ¹⁷ The wicked cannot be hid. ²⁰ God's works are unsearchable.

DESIRE not a multitude of unprofitable children, neither delight in ungodly sons.

2 Though they multiply, rejoice not in them, except the fear of the Lord be with them.

3 Trust not thou in their life, neither respect their multitude: for one that is just is better than a thousand; and better it is to die without children, than to have them that are ungodly.

4 For by one that hath understanding shall the city be replenished: but the ^{||} kindred of the wicked shall speedily become desolate.

5 Many such things have I seen with mine eyes, and mine ear hath heard greater things than these.

6 ^a In the congregation of the ungodly shall a fire be kindled; and in a rebellious nation wrath ^{||} is set on fire.

7 ^b He was not pacified toward the old giants, who fell away in the strength of their foolishness.

8 ^c Neither spared he the place where Lot sojourned, but ^d abhorred them for their pride.

9 He pitied not the people of perdition, who were taken away in their sins:

10 ^e Nor the six hundred thousand footmen, who were gathered together in the hardness of their hearts.

11 And if there be one stiffnecked among the people, it is marvel if he escape unpunished: for ^f mercy and wrath are with him; he is mighty to forgive, and to pour out displeasure.

12 As his mercy is great, so is his correction also: ^g he judgeth a man according to his works.

13 The sinner shall not escape with his spoils: and the patience of the godly shall not be frustrate.

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ⁱ Ps. 33. 18.
& 34. 15.
Heb. 4. 13.

^a Ps. 33. 1.
Prov. 26. 7.
^{||} Or,
A parable.

^{||} Or,
he was not
sent of, &c.
^{||} Or rather,
a parable.

^b Jam. 1. 13.

^c Gen. 1. 26,
27.
^d Gen. 2. 16,
17.

^e Matt. 19.
17.

^f Deu. 30. 19.
Josh. 24. 15.

^g Jer. 21. 8.

^h Ps. 147. 5.

^a ch. 21. 9.

^{||} Or,
hath been.
^b Gen. 6. 4.
Wisd. 14. 6.

^c Gen. 19. 24.
^d Ezek. 16.
49, 50.

^e Num. 14.
15, 35. & 16.
21. & 21. 6.
& 26. 64.

^f ch. 5. 6.

^g Ps. 62. 12.

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14 Make way for every work of mercy: for every man shall find according to his works.

^h Ex. 7. 3.
& 14. 4, 8.
Rom. 9. 17,
18.

15 ^h The Lord hardened Pharaoh, that he should not know him, that his powerful works might be known to the world.

¹ Gen. 1. 4.
|| Or, strong
partition.

16 His mercy is manifest to every creature; and ¹ he hath separated his light from the darkness with an || adamant.

17 Say not thou, I will hide myself from the Lord: shall any remember me from above? I shall not be remembered among so many people: for what is my soul among such an infinite number of creatures?

^k 1 Kings
8. 27.
² Chr. 6. 18.
² Pet. 3. 7,
10.

18 ^k Behold, the heaven, and the heaven of heavens, the deep, and the earth, and all that therein is, shall be moved when he shall visit.

19 The mountains also and foundations of the earth shall be shaken with trembling, when the Lord looketh upon them.

¹ Rom. 11.
33.

20 No heart can think upon these things worthily: ¹ and who is able to conceive his ways?

21 It is a tempest which no man can see: for the most part of his works are hid.

22 Who can declare the works of his justice? or who can endure them? for his covenant is afar off, and the trial of all things is in the end.

23 He that wanteth understanding will think upon vain things: and a foolish man erring imagineth follies.

24 My son, hearken unto me, and learn knowledge, and mark my words with thy heart.

25 I will shew forth doctrine in weight, and declare his knowledge exactly.

^m Ps. 111.
7, 8.

26 ^m The works of the Lord are done in judgment from the beginning: and from the time he made them he disposed the parts thereof.

|| Or,
beginnings.

27 He garnished his works for ever, and in his hand are the || chief of them unto all generations: they neither labour, nor are weary, nor cease from their works.

ⁿ Ps. 148. 8.

28 None of them hindereth another, and they shall never disobey his word.

29 After this the Lord looked upon the earth, and filled it with his blessings.

30 ⁿ With all manner of living things hath he covered the face thereof; ^p and they shall return into it again.

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^o Gen. 1. 25.
^p Eccles. 3.
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CHAP. XVII.

¹ How God created and furnished man. ¹⁴ Avoid all sin: ¹⁹ for God seeth all things. ²⁵ Turn to him while thou livest.

THE Lord ^a created man of the earth, and turned him into it again.

2 ^b He gave them few days, and a short time, and power also over the things therein.

3 He endued them with strength by themselves, and ^c made them according to his image,

4 And put the fear || of man upon all flesh, ^d and gave him dominion over beasts and fowls.

5 [They received the use of the five operations of the Lord, and in the sixth place he imparted them understanding, and in the seventh speech, an interpreter of the cogitations thereof.]

6 Counsel, and a tongue, and eyes, ears, and a heart, gave he them to understand.

7 Withal he filled them with the knowledge of understanding, and shewed them good and evil.

8 He set his eye upon their hearts, that he might shew them the greatness of his works.

9 He gave them to glory in his marvellous acts for ever, that they might declare his works with understanding.

10 And the elect shall praise his holy name.

11 Beside this he gave them knowledge, and the law of life for an heritage.

12 He made an everlasting covenant with them, and shewed them his judgments.

13 Their eyes saw the majesty of his glory, and their ears heard his glorious voice.

14 And he said unto them, Beware of all unrighteousness; and he ^e gave every man commandment concerning his neighbour.

15 ^f Their ways are ever before him, and shall not be hid from his eyes.

16 Every man from his youth is given to evil; neither could they make to themselves fleshy hearts for stony.

17 For ^g in the division of the nations of the whole earth he set a ^h ruler over

^a Gen. 1. 27.
& 3. 19. &
5. 2.
Eccles. 3. 20.
Wisd. 2. 23.
& 7. 1, 6.
^b Job 14. 1.

^c Gen. 1. 26.
& 9. 6.
¹ Cor. 11. 7.
Colos. 3. 10.
|| Or, of him.
^d Gen. 1. 28.

^e Ex. 20, &
21, & 22, &
23.

^f ch. 15. 19.
ver. 19.
Heb. 4. 13.

^g Deut. 32.
8, 9.
^h Rom. 13. 1.

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¹ Deut. 4.
20. & 10. 15.
^k Ex. 4. 22.

¹ verse 15.

^m Deu. 31. 6.

ⁿ 1. 29. 12.
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^o Ps. 17. 8.

^p Matt. 25.
34, 35.

^q Acts 3. 19.

^r Jer. 3. 12.

^{||} Or,
lessen thy
offence.

^{||} Or, illu-
mination.

^s Ps. 6. 5.
& 115. 17.
Isai. 38. 18,
19.
Baruch 2. 17.

^t Job 25. 5,
6.

every people; but ¹ Israel is the Lord's portion:

18 Whom, ^k being his firstborn, he nourisheth with discipline, and giving him the light of his love doth not forsake him.

19 ¹ Therefore all their works are as the sun before him, and his eyes are continually upon their ways.

20 None of their unrighteous deeds are hid from him, but all their sins are before the Lord.

21 But the Lord being gracious, and knowing his workmanship, ^m neither left nor forsook them, but spared them.

22 The ⁿ alms of a man is as a signet with him, and he will keep the good deeds of man ^o as the apple of the eye, and give repentance to his sons and daughters.

23 ^p Afterwards he will rise up and reward them, and render their recompence upon their heads.

24 ^q But unto them that repent, he granted them return, and comforted those that failed in patience.

25 ^r Return unto the Lord, and forsake thy sins, make thy prayer before his face, and ^{||} offend less.

26 Turn again to the most High, and turn away from iniquity: for he will lead thee out of darkness into the ^{||} light of health, and hate thou abomination vehemently.

27 ^s Who shall praise the most High in the grave, instead of them which live and give thanks?

28 Thanksgiving perisheth from the dead, as from one that is not: the living and sound in heart shall praise the Lord.

29 How great is the lovingkindness of the Lord our God, and his compassion unto such as turn unto him in holiness!

30 For all things cannot be in men, because the son of man is not immortal.

31 ^t What is brighter than the sun? yet the light thereof faileth: and flesh and blood will imagine evil.

32 He vieweth the power of the height of heaven; and all men are but earth and ashes.

CHAP. XVIII.

⁴ God's works are to be wondered at. ⁹ Man's life is short. ¹¹ God is merciful. ¹⁵ Do not blemish thy good deeds with ill words. ²² Defer not to be justified. ³⁰ Follow not thy lusts.

HE that liveth for ever ^a created all things in general.

2 The Lord only is righteous, and ^b there is none other but he,

3 Who governeth the world with the palm of his hand, ^c and all things obey his will: for he is the King of all, by his power ^d dividing holy things among them from profane.

4 To whom hath he given power to declare his works? ^e and who shall find out his noble acts?

5 Who shall number the strength of his majesty? and who shall also tell out his mercies?

6 As for the wondrous works of the Lord, there may nothing be taken from them, neither may any thing be put unto them, neither can the ground of them be found out.

7 When a man hath done, then he beginneth; and when he leaveth off, then he shall be doubtful.

8 What is man, and whereto serveth he? what is his good, and what is his evil?

9 ^f The number of a man's days at the most are an hundred years.

10 As a drop of water unto the sea, and a gravelstone in comparison of the sand; so are a ^g thousand years to the days of eternity.

11 Therefore is God patient with them, and poureth forth his mercy upon them.

12 He saw and perceived their end to be evil; therefore he multiplied his compassion.

13 The mercy of man is toward his neighbour; ^h but the mercy of the Lord is upon all flesh: he reproveth, and nurtureth, and teacheth, and bringeth again, ⁱ as a shepherd his flock.

14 He hath mercy on them that receive discipline, and that diligently seek after his judgments.

15 ^k My son, blemish not thy good deeds, neither use uncomfortable words when thou givest any thing.

16 Shall not the dew assuage the heat? so is a word better than a gift.

17 Lo, is not a word better than a gift? but both are with a gracious man.

18 A fool will upbraid churlishly, and a gift of the envious consumeth the eyes.

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^a Gen. 1. 1.
^b Deu. 4. 35.

^c ch. 42. 23.

^d Lev. 10. 10.

^e Ps. 106. 2.

^f Ps. 90. 10.

^g Ps. 90. 4.
² Pet. 3. 8.

^h Ps. 145. 9.

ⁱ Jer. 31. 10.

^k ch. 41. 22.

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¹ 1 Cor. 11.
28, 31.

^m ch. 7. 17.

ⁿ Deu. 23. 21.
Eccles. 5. 4.

^o ch. 7. 17,
36.

^p Prov. 28.
14.

^q Rom. 6. 6.
& 13. 14.

19 Learn before thou speak, and use physick or ever thou be sick.

20 Before judgment ¹examine thyself, and in the day of visitation thou shalt find mercy.

21 ^m Humble thyself before thou be sick, and in the time of sins shew repentance.

22 ⁿ Let nothing hinder thee to pay thy vow in due time, and defer not until death to be justified.

23 Before thou prayest, prepare thyself; and be not as one that tempteth the Lord.

24 ^o Think upon the wrath that shall be at the end, and the time of vengeance, when he shall turn away his face.

25 When thou hast enough, remember the time of hunger: and when thou art rich, think upon poverty and need.

26 From the morning until the evening the time is changed, and all things are soon done before the Lord.

27 ^p A wise man will fear in every thing, and in the day of sinning he will beware of offence: but a fool will not observe time.

28 Every man of understanding knoweth wisdom, and will give praise unto him that found her.

29 They that were of understanding in sayings became also wise themselves, and poured forth exquisite parables.

30 ^q Go not after thy lusts, but refrain thyself from thine appetites.

31 If thou givest thy soul the desires that please her, she will make thee a laughingstock to thine enemies that malign thee.

32 Take not pleasure in much good cheer, neither be tied to the expence thereof.

33 Be not made a beggar by banqueting upon borrowing; when thou hast nothing in thy purse: for thou shalt lie in wait for thine own life, and be talked on.

CHAP. XIX.

² Wine and women seduce wise men. ⁷ Say not all thou hearest. ¹⁷ Reprove thy friend without anger. ²² There is no wisdom in wickedness.

A LABOURING man that is given to drunkenness shall not be rich: and he that contemneth small things shall fall by little and little.

² ^a Wine and ^b women will make men

of understanding to fall away: and he that cleaveth to harlots will become impudent.

3 Moths and worms shall have him to heritage, and a bold man shall be taken away.

4 ^c He that is hasty to give credit is lightminded; ^d and he that sinneth shall offend against his own soul.

5 Whoso taketh pleasure in wickedness shall be condemned: but he that resisteth pleasures crowneth his life.

6 He that can rule his tongue shall live without strife; and he that hateth babbling shall have less evil.

7 ^e Rehearse not unto another that which is told unto thee, and thou shalt fare never the worse.

8 Whether it be ^{||} to friend or foe, talk not of other men's lives; and if thou canst without offence, reveal them not.

9 For he heard and observed thee, and when time cometh he will ^{||} hate thee.

10 If thou hast heard a word, let it die with thee; and be bold, it will not burst thee.

11 A fool travaileth with a word, as a woman in labour of a child.

12 As an arrow that sticketh in a man's thigh, so is a word within a fool's ^{||} belly.

13 ^f Admonish a friend, it may be he hath not done it: and if he have done it, that he do it no more.

14 ^{||} Admonish thy friend, it may be he hath not said it: and if he have, that he speak it not again.

15 Admonish a friend: for many times it is a slander, and believe not every tale.

16 There is one that slippeth in his speech, but not ^{||} from his heart; and who is he that hath not offended with his ^g tongue?

17 ^{||} Admonish thy neighbour before thou threaten him; and not being angry, give place to the law of the most High.

18 ^h The fear of the Lord is the first step ^{||} to be accepted [of him,] and wisdom obtaineth his love.

19 The knowledge of the commandments of the Lord is the doctrine of life: and they that do things that please him shall ⁱ receive the fruit of the tree of immortality.

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^c Josh. 22.
11.
^d Prov. 8. 36.

^e ch. 41. 23.

^{||} Or,
of friend
or foe.

^{||} Or, show
his hatred.

^{||} Or, heart.

^f Lev. 19. 17.
Matt. 18. 15.

^{||} Or,
Reprove.

^{||} Or,
willingly.

^g ch. 14. 1.
& 25. 8.
Jam. 3. 2.

^{||} Or,
Reprove.

^h Prov. 1. 7.
ch. 40. 26.
^{||} Or, of re-
ceiving him.

ⁱ Rev. 2. 7.
& 22. 2. 14.

^a Gen. 9. 21.
& 19. 32, &c.
^b 1 Kings
11. 1, 4.

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20 The fear of the Lord is all wisdom; and in all wisdom is the performance of the law, and the knowledge of his omnipotency.

^k Matt. 21.
29.

21 ^k If a servant say to his master, I will not do as it pleaseth thee; though afterward he do it, he angereth him that nourisheth him.

22 The knowledge of wickedness is not wisdom, neither at any time the counsel of sinners prudence.

23 There is a wickedness, and the same an abomination; and there is a fool wanting in wisdom.

24 He that hath small understanding, and feareth God, is better than one that hath much wisdom, and transgresseth the law of the most High.

25 There is an exquisite subtilty, and the same is unjust; and there is one that turneth aside to make judgment appear; and there is a wise man that || justifieth in judgment.

|| Or,
judgeth.

26 There is a wicked man that hangeth down his head || sadly; but inwardly he is full of deceit,

|| Or,
in black.

27 Casting down his countenance, and making as if he heard not: where he is not known, he will do thee a mischief before thou be aware.

28 And if for want of power he be hindered from sinning, yet when he findeth opportunity he will do evil.

29 A man may be known by his look, and one that hath understanding by his countenance, when thou meetest him.

^l ch. 21. 20.

30 A man's attire, and ^l excessive laughter, and gait, shew what he is.

CHAP. XX.

¹ Of silence and speaking. ¹⁰ Of gifts and gain. ¹⁸ Of slipping by the tongue. ²⁴ Of lying. ²⁷ Of divers advertisements.

THERE is a reproof that is not || comely: again, some man holdeth his tongue, and he is wise.

|| Or,
seasonable.

2 It is much better to reprove, than to be angry secretly: ^a and he that confesseth his fault shall be preserved from hurt.

^a Prov. 28.
13.

3 How good is it, when thou art reproved, to shew repentance! for so shalt thou escape wilful sin.

^b ch. 30. 20.

4 As is the lust of ^b an eunuch to deflower a virgin; so is he that executeth judgment with violence.

5 There is one that keepeth silence,

and is found wise: and another by much babbling becometh hateful.

6 Some man holdeth his tongue, because he hath not to answer: and some keepeth silence, ^c knowing his time.

^c Eccles. 3. 7.

7 A wise man will hold his ^d tongue till he see opportunity: but a babbler and a fool will regard no time.

^d ch. 32. 4.

8 He that useth many words shall be abhorred; and he that taketh to himself authority therein shall be hated.

9 There is a sinner that hath good success in evil things; and there is a gain that turneth to loss.

10 There is a gift that shall not profit thee; and there is a gift whose recompence is double.

11 There is an abasement because of glory; and there is that lifteth up his head from a low estate.

12 There is that buyeth much for a little, and repayeth it sevenfold.

13 ^e A wise man by his words maketh himself beloved: but the || graces of fools shall be || poured out.

^e ch. 6. 5.

14 The gift of a fool shall do thee no good when thou hast it; neither yet of the envious for his necessity: [†] for he looketh to receive many things for one.

|| Or,
pleasant
conceits.

|| Or, lost,
or, spilt.

15 He giveth little, and ^f upbraideth much; he openeth his mouth like a crier; to day he lendeth, and to morrow will he ask it again: such an one is to be hated of God and man.

[†] Gr. for
his eyes are
many for
one to re-
ceive.

^f ch. 41. 22.

16 The fool saith, I have no friends, I have no thank for all my good deeds, and they that eat my bread speak evil of me.

17 How oft, and of how many shall he be laughed to scorn! for he knoweth not aright what it is to have; and it is all one unto him as if he had it not.

18 To slip upon a pavement is better than to slip with the tongue: so the fall of the wicked shall come speedily.

19 || An unseasonable tale will always be in the mouth of the unwise.

|| Or, An
unpleasant
fellow.

20 A wise sentence shall be rejected when it cometh out of a fool's mouth; for he will not speak it in due season.

21 There is that is hindered from sinning through want: and when he taketh rest, he [†] shall not be troubled.

[†] Gr.
shall not be
pricked.

22 ^g There is that destroyeth his own soul through bashfulness, and by accepting of persons overthroweth himself.

^g ch. 42. 1.

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23 There is that for bashfulness promiseth to his friend, and maketh him his enemy for nothing.

^h ch. 25. 2.

24 ^h A lie is a foul blot in a man, yet it is continually in the mouth of the untaught.

25 A thief is better than a man that is accustomed to lie: but they both shall have destruction to heritage.

|| Or,
ignominy.

26 The disposition of a liar is || dishonourable, and his shame is ever with him.

27 A wise man shall promote himself to honour with his words: and he that hath understanding will please great men.

¹ Prov. 12. 11.
& 28. 19.

28 ¹ He that tilleth his land shall increase his heap: and he that pleaseth great men shall get pardon for iniquity.

^k Ex. 23. 8.
Deut. 16. 19.
|| Or, as a
muzzle in
the mouth.

29 ^k Presents and gifts blind the eyes of the wise, and || stop up his mouth that he cannot reprove.

30 Wisdom that is hid, and treasure that is hoarded up, what profit is in them both?

¹ ch. 41. 15.

31 ¹ Better is he that hideth his folly than a man that hideth his wisdom.

32 Necessary patience in seeking the Lord is better than he that leadeth his life without a guide.

CHAP. XXI.

2 Flee from sin as from a serpent. 4 His oppression will undo the rich. 9 The end of the unjust shall be nought. 12 The difference between the fool and the wise.

^a Ps. 41. 4.
Luke 15. 21.

MY son, hast thou sinned? do so no more, but ^aask pardon for thy former sins.

2 Flee from sin as from the face of a serpent: for if thou comest too near it, it will bite thee: the teeth thereof are as the teeth of a lion, slaying the souls of men.

3 All iniquity is as a two edged sword, the wounds whereof cannot be healed.

4 To terrify and do wrong will waste riches: thus the house of proud men shall be made desolate.

^b Ex. 3. 9.
& 22. 23.
Ps. 34. 6.

5 ^b A prayer out of a poor man's mouth reacheth to the ears of God, and his judgment cometh speedily.

^c Prov. 12. 1.
& 15. 10.

6 ^c He that hateth to be reprov'd is in the way of sinners: but he that feareth the Lord will ⁺repent from his heart.

⁺ Gr. be
converted.

7 An eloquent man is known far and near; but a man of understanding knoweth when he slippeth.

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8 ^d He that buildeth his house with other men's money is like one that gathereth himself stones for the tomb of his burial.

^d Jer. 22. 13.

9 ^e The congregation of the wicked is like tow wrapped together: and the end of them is a flame of fire to destroy them.

^e ch. 16. 6.

10 The way of sinners is made plain with stones, but at the end thereof is the pit of hell.

11 ^f He that keepeth the law of the Lord getteth the understanding thereof: and the perfection of the fear of the Lord is wisdom.

^f John 7. 17.

12 ^g He that is not || wise will not be taught: ^h but there is a wisdom which multiplieth bitterness.

^g Prov. 1. 7.
|| Or, witty.
^h Eccles. 1. 18.

13 The || knowledge of a wise man shall abound like a flood: and his counsel is like a pure fountain of life.

|| Or,
subtily.

14 ⁱ The inner parts of a fool are like a broken vessel, and he will hold no knowledge as long as he liveth.

ⁱ ch. 33. 5.

15 If a skilful man hear a wise word, he will commend it, and ^k add unto it: but as soon as one of no understanding heareth it, it displeaseth him, and he casteth it behind his back.

^k Prov. 9. 9.

16 The talking of a fool is like a burden in the way: but grace shall be found in the lips of the wise.

17 They enquire at the mouth of the wise man in the congregation, and they shall ponder his words in their heart.

18 As is a house that is destroyed, so is wisdom to a fool: and the knowledge of the unwise is as talk || without sense.

|| Or, not to
be enquired
after.

19 Doctrine unto fools is as fetters on the feet, and like manacles on the right hand.

20 ¹ A fool lifteth up his voice with laughter; but a wise man doth scarce smile a little.

¹ ch. 19. 30.

21 Learning is unto a wise man as an ornament of gold, and like a bracelet upon his right arm.

22 A foolish man's foot is soon in his [neighbour's] house: but a man of experience is ashamed of him.

23 A fool will peep in at the door into the house: but he that is well nurtured will stand without.

24 It is the rudeness of a man to hearken at the door: but a wise man will be grieved with the disgrace.

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25 The lips of talkers will be telling such things as pertain not unto them: but the words of such as have understanding are weighed in the balance.

26 The heart of fools is in their mouth: but the mouth of the wise is in their heart.

27 When the ungodly curseth Satan, he curseth his own soul.

m ch. 28. 13.

28 ^m A whisperer defileth his own soul, and is hated wheresoever he dwelleth.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Of the slothful man, 3 and a foolish daughter. 11 Weep rather for fools, than for the dead. 13 Meddle not with them. 16 The wise man's heart will not shrink. 20 What will lose a friend.*

A SLOTHFUL man is compared to a filthy stone, and every one will hiss him out to his disgrace.

2 A slothful man is compared to the filth of a dunghill: every man that takes it up will shake his hand.

3 An evilnurtured son is the dishonour of his father that begat him: and a [foolish] daughter is born to his loss.

a Prov. 13. 22.

|| Or, shall be the heir of her husband.

4 ^a A wise daughter || shall bring an inheritance to her husband: but she that liveth dishonestly is her father's heaviness.

5 She that is bold dishonoureth both her father and her husband, but they both shall despise her.

6 A tale out of season [is as] musick in mourning: but stripes and correction of wisdom are never out of time.

7 Whoso teacheth a fool is as one that glueth a potsherd together, and as he that waketh one from a sound sleep.

8 He that telleth a tale to a fool speaketh to one in a slumber: when he hath told his tale, he will say, What is the matter?

|| Or, an art.

9 If children live honestly, and have wherewithal, they shall cover the baseness of their parents.

10 But children, being haughty, through disdain and want of nurture do stain the nobility of their kindred.

b ch. 38. 16.

11 ^b Weep for the dead, for he hath lost the light: and weep for the fool, for he wanteth understanding: make little weeping for the dead, for he is at rest: but the life of the fool is worse than death.

c Gen. 50. 10.

12 ^c Seven days do men mourn for him that is dead; but for a fool and an ungodly man all the days of his life.

13 Talk not much with a fool, and go not to him that hath no understanding: ^d beware of him, lest thou have trouble, and thou shalt never be defiled || with his fooleries: depart from him, and thou shalt find rest, and never be || disquieted with madness.

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d ch. 12. 12.

|| Or, when he shakes off his filth.

|| Or, worried.

14 What is heavier than lead? and what is the name thereof, but a fool?

15 ^e Sand, and salt, and a mass of iron, is easier to bear, than a man without understanding.

e Prov. 27. 3.

16 As timber girt and bound together in a building cannot be loosed with shaking: so the heart that is stablished by advised counsel shall fear at no time.

17 A heart settled upon a thought of understanding is as a fair plaistering || on the wall of a gallery.

|| Or, of a polished wall.

18 Pales set on an high place will never stand against the wind: so a fearful heart in the imagination of a fool cannot stand against any fear.

19 He that pricketh the eye will make tears to fall: and he that pricketh the heart maketh it to shew her knowledge.

20 Whoso casteth a stone at the birds frayeth them away: and he that ^f upbraideth his friend breaketh friendship.

f ch. 41. 22.

21 Though thou drewest a sword at thy friend, yet despair not: for there may be a returning [to favour.]

22 If thou hast opened thy mouth against thy friend, fear not; for there may be a reconciliation: except for upbraiding, or pride, or ^g disclosing of secrets, or a treacherous wound: for for these things every friend will depart.

g ch. 27. 17. & 41. 23.

23 Be faithful to thy neighbour in his poverty, that thou mayest rejoice in his prosperity: abide stedfast unto him in the time of his trouble, that thou mayest be heir with him in his heritage: for a mean estate is not always to be contemned: nor the rich that is foolish to be had in admiration.

24 As the vapour and smoke of a furnace goeth before the fire; so reviling before blood.

25 I will not be ashamed to defend a friend; neither will I hide myself from him.

26 And if any evil happen unto me by him, every one that heareth it will beware of him.

27 ^h Who shall set a watch before my

h Ps. 141. 3.

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mouth, and a seal of wisdom upon my lips, that I fall not suddenly by them, and that my tongue destroy me not?

CHAP. XXIII.

¹ A prayer for grace to flee sin. ⁹ We may not use swearing: ¹⁴ but remember our parents. ¹⁶ Of three sorts of sin. ²⁸ The adulterous wife sinneth many ways.

O LORD, Father and Governor of all my whole life, leave me not to their counsels, and let me not fall by them.

² Who will set scourges over my thoughts, and the discipline of wisdom over mine heart? that they spare me not for mine ignorances, and it pass not by my sins:

³ Lest mine ignorances increase, and my sins abound to my destruction, and I fall before mine adversaries, and mine enemy rejoice over me, whose hope is far from thy mercy.

⁴ O Lord, Father and God of my life, give me not a proud look, but turn away from thy servants always || a haughty mind.

|| Or,
a giantlike.

⁵ Turn away from me vain hopes and concupiscence, and thou shalt hold him up that is desirous always to serve thee.

⁶ Let not the greediness of the belly nor lust of the flesh take hold of me; and give not over me thy servant into an impudent mind.

⁷ Hear, O ye children, the discipline of the mouth: he that keepeth it shall never be taken in his lips.

⁸ The sinner shall be left in his foolishness: both the evil speaker and the proud shall fall thereby.

^a Ex. 20. 7.
ch. 27. 14.
Matt. 5. 33,
34.

⁹ ^a Accustom not thy mouth to swearing; neither use thyself to the naming of the Holy One.

¹⁰ For as a servant that is continually beaten shall not be without a blue mark: so he that sweareth and nameth God continually shall not be faultless.

¹¹ A man that useth much swearing shall be filled with iniquity, and the plague shall never depart from his house: if he shall offend, his sin shall be upon him: and if he acknowledge not his sin, he maketh a double offence: and if he swear in vain, he shall not be [†] innocent, but his house shall be full of calamities.

[†] Gr.
justified.

^b Lev. 24.
15, 16.

¹² ^b There is a word that is clothed about with death: God grant that it

be not found in the heritage of Jacob; for all such things shall be far from the godly, and they shall not wallow in their sins.

¹³ Use not thy mouth to intemperate swearing, for therein is the word of sin.

¹⁴ Remember thy father and thy mother, when thou sittest among great men. Be not forgetful before them, and so thou by thy custom become a fool, and wish that thou hadst not been born, and ^c curse the day of thy nativity.

^c Job 3. 1,
&c.
^d 2 Sam.
16. 7.

¹⁵ ^d The man that is accustomed to opprobrious words will never be reformed all the days of his life.

¹⁶ Two sorts of men multiply sin, and the third will bring wrath: a hot mind is as a burning fire, it will never be quenched till it be consumed: a fornicator in the body of his flesh will never cease till he hath kindled a fire.

¹⁷ ^e All bread is sweet to a whoremonger, he will not leave off till he die. ^e Prov. 9. 17.

¹⁸ A man that breaketh wedlock, saying thus in his heart, ^f Who seeth me? I am compassed about with darkness, the walls cover me, and no body seeth me; what need I to fear? the most High will not remember my sins:

^f Job 24. 15.
Ps. 10. 11.
Isai. 29. 15.

¹⁹ Such a man only feareth the eyes of men, and knoweth not that the eyes of the Lord are ten thousand times brighter than the sun, ^g beholding all the ways of men, and considering the most secret parts. ^g ch. 15. 19.

²⁰ He knew all things ere ever they were created; ^h so also after they were perfected he looked upon them all. ^h Gen. 1. 31.

²¹ ⁱ This man shall be punished in the streets of the city; and where he suspecteth not he shall be taken. ⁱ Lev. 20. 10.
Deu. 22. 22.

²² Thus shall it go also with the wife that leaveth her husband, and bringeth in an heir by || another.

|| Or,
a stranger.

²³ For first, she hath disobeyed the ^k law of the most High; and secondly, she hath trespassed against her own husband; and thirdly, she hath played the whore in adultery, and brought children by another man. ^k Ex. 20. 14.

²⁴ She shall be brought out into the congregation, and || inquisition shall be made of her children. ^{||} Or, visitation.

²⁵ Her ^l children shall not take root, and her branches shall bring forth no fruit. ^l Wisd. 4. 3.

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26 She shall leave her memory to be cursed, and her reproach shall not be blotted out.

27 And they that remain shall know that there is nothing better than the fear of the Lord, and that there is nothing sweeter than to take heed unto the commandments of the Lord.

28 It is great glory to follow the Lord, and to be received of him is long life.

CHAP. XXIV.

¹ Wisdom doth praise herself, shew her beginning, ⁴ her dwelling, ¹³ her glory, ¹⁷ her fruit, ²⁶ her increase and perfection.

The praise
of Wisdom.

WISDOM shall praise herself, and shall glory in the midst of her people.

² In the congregation of the most High shall she open her mouth, and triumph before his power.

³ I came out of the mouth of the most High, and covered the earth as a ^a cloud.

^a Or, a mist.

^a Job 22. 14.

^b Ps. 104. 3.

⁴ ^a I dwelt in high places, and ^b my throne is in a cloudy pillar.

⁵ I alone compassed the circuit of heaven, and walked in the bottom of the deep.

⁶ In the waves of the sea, and in all the earth, and in every people and nation, I got a possession.

⁷ With all these I sought rest: and in whose inheritance shall I abide?

⁸ So the Creator of all things gave me a commandment, and he that made me caused my tabernacle to rest, and said, Let thy dwelling be in Jacob, and thine inheritance in Israel.

^c Prov. 8. 22.

⁹ He ^c created me from the beginning before the world, and I shall never fail.

^d Ex. 31. 3.

¹⁰ In the ^d holy tabernacle I served before him; and so was I established in Sion.

^e Ps. 132. 8, 13, 14.

^f Or, holy.

¹¹ ^e Likewise in the ^f beloved city he gave me rest, and in Jerusalem was my power.

¹² And I took root in an honourable people, even in the portion of the Lord's inheritance.

¹³ I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress tree upon the mountains of Hermon.

¹⁴ I was exalted like a palm tree in ^g Or, Cadsee. ^h En-gaddi, and as a rose plant in Je-

richo, as a fair olive tree in a pleasant field, and grew up as a plane tree ^h by the water.

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ⁱ Or, in the water.

¹⁵ I gave a sweet smell like cinnamon and aspalathus, and I yielded a pleasant odour like the best myrrh, as galbanum, and onyx, and sweet storax, and as the fume of ⁱ frankincense in the tabernacle.

^j Ex. 30. 34, 36.

¹⁶ As the turpentine tree I stretched out my branches, and my branches are the branches of honour and grace.

¹⁷ ^k As the vine brought I forth pleasant savour, and my flowers are the fruit of honour and riches.

^k John 15. 1.

¹⁸ I am the mother of fair love, and fear, and knowledge, and holy hope: I therefore, being eternal, am given to all my children which are ^l named of him.

^l Or, chosen.

¹⁹ ^m Come unto me, all ye that be desirous of me, and fill yourselves with my fruits.

^m Isai. 55. 1.

²⁰ For my memorial is ⁿ sweeter than honey, and mine inheritance than the honeycomb.

ⁿ Ps. 19. 10, 11.

²¹ They that eat me shall yet be hungry, and they that drink me shall yet be thirsty.

²² He that obeyeth me shall never be confounded, and they that work by me shall not do amiss.

²³ All these things are the book of the covenant of the most high God, ^o even the ^k law which Moses commanded for an heritage unto the congregations of Jacob.

^k Ex. 20. 1. & 24. 3. Deut. 4. 1. & 29. 1. & 33. 4.

²⁴ Faint not to be strong in the Lord; that he may confirm you, cleave unto him: ^p for the Lord Almighty is God alone, and beside him there is no other Saviour.

^p Is. 45. 21.

²⁵ He filleth all things with his wisdom, as ^q Phison and as Tigris in the time of the new fruits.

^q Gen. 2. 11.

²⁶ He maketh the understanding to abound like Euphrates, and as ^r Jordan in the time of the harvest.

^r Josh. 3. 15.

²⁷ He maketh the doctrine of knowledge appear as the light, and as Geon in the time of vintage.

²⁸ The first man knew her not perfectly: no more shall the last find her out.

²⁹ For her thoughts are more than the sea, and her counsels profounder than the great deep.

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|| Or, drain,
or, ditch.

30 I also came out as a || brook from a river, and as a conduit into a garden.

31 I said, I will water my best garden, and will water abundantly my garden bed: and, lo, my brook became a river, and my river became a sea.

32 I will yet make doctrine to shine as the morning, and will send forth her light afar off.

33 I will yet pour out doctrine as prophecy, and leave it to all ages for ever.

° ch. 33. 17.

34 ° Behold that I have not laboured for myself only, but for all them that seek wisdom.

CHAP. XXV.

1 What things are beautiful, and what hateful. 6 What is the crown of age. 7 What things make men happy. 13 Nothing worse than a wicked woman.

|| Or, gloried.

° Gen. 13. 8.
Ps. 133. 1.
Rom. 12. 10.

IN three things I || was beautified, and stood up beautiful both before God and men: the °unity of brethren, the love of neighbours, a man and a wife that agree together.

2 Three sorts of men my soul hateth, and I am greatly offended at their life: a poor man that is proud, a rich man that is a liar, and an old adulterer that doateth.

3 If thou hast gathered nothing in thy youth, how canst thou find any thing in thine age?

4 O how comely a thing is judgment for gray hairs, and for ancient men to know counsel!

5 O how comely is the wisdom of old men, and understanding and counsel to men of honour!

6 Much experience is the crown of old men, and the fear of God is their glory.

7 There be nine things which I have judged in mine heart to be happy, and the tenth I will utter with my tongue: A man that hath joy of his children; and he that liveth to see the fall of his enemy:

° ch. 14. 1.
& 19. 16.
James 3. 2.

8 Well is him that dwelleth with a wife of understanding, and that hath not °slipped with his tongue, and that hath not served a man more unworthy than himself:

|| Or, a friend.

9 Well is him that hath found || prudence, and he that speaketh in the ears of them that will hear:

° Prov. 3. 13.

10 ° O how great is he that findeth wisdom! yet is there none above him that feareth the Lord.

11 But the love of the Lord passeth all things for illumination: he that holdeth it, || whereto shall he be likened?

12 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of his love: and faith is the beginning of cleaving unto him.

13 [Give me] any plague, but the plague of the heart: °and any wickedness, but the wickedness of a woman:

|| Or, to whom.

d ver. 19.

14 And any affliction, but the affliction from them that hate me: and any revenge, but the revenge of enemies.

15 There is no head above the head of a serpent; and there is no wrath above the wrath of an enemy.

16 °I had rather dwell with a lion and a dragon, than to keep house with a wicked woman.

° Prov. 21. 19. & 25. 24.

17 The wickedness of a woman changeth her face, and darkeneth her countenance || like sackcloth.

|| Or, like a bear.

18 Her husband shall sit among his neighbours; and when he heareth it shall sigh bitterly.

19 °All wickedness is but little to the wickedness of a woman: let the portion of a sinner fall upon her.

f ver. 13.

20 As the climbing up a sandy way is to the feet of the aged, so is a wife || full of words to a quiet man.

|| Or, scolding.

21 °Stumble not at the beauty of a woman, and desire her not for pleasure.

° 2 Sam. 11. 2. ch. 42. 12.

22 A woman, if she maintain her husband, is full of anger, impudence, and much reproach.

23 A wicked woman abateth the courage, maketh an heavy countenance and a wounded heart: a woman that will not comfort her husband in distress maketh weak hands and feeble knees.

24 Of °the woman came the beginning of sin, and through her we all die.

h Gen. 3. 6. 1 Tim. 2. 14.

25 Give the water no passage; neither a wicked woman liberty to gad abroad.

26 If she go not as thou wouldest have her, cut her off from thy flesh, and °give her a bill of divorce, and let her go.

1 Deut. 24. 1. Mark 10. 4.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 A good wife, 4 and a good conscience, do glad men. 6 A wicked wife is a fearful thing. 13 Of good and bad wives. 28 Of three things that are grievous. 29 Merchants and hucksters are not without sin.

BLESSED is the man that hath °a virtuous wife, for the number of his days shall be double.

° Prov. 31. 10, &c.

2 A virtuous woman rejoiceth her

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b Prov. 18.
22.

† Gr. an
evil report.

|| Or, a yoke
of oxen.

c ch. 42. 11.

|| Or, stake.

† Gr. in
the highest
places of the
Lord.
|| Or,
ornament.

|| Or, in con-
stant age.

husband, and he shall fulfil the years of his life in peace.

3 ^b A good wife is a good portion, which shall be given in the portion of them that fear the Lord.

4 Whether a man be rich or poor, if he have a good heart toward the Lord, he shall at all times rejoice with a cheerful countenance.

5 There be three things that mine heart feareth; and for the fourth I was sore afraid: † the slander of a city, the gathering together of an unruly multitude, and a false accusation: all these are worse than death.

6 But a grief of heart and sorrow is a woman that is jealous over another woman, and a scourge of the tongue which communicateth with all.

7 An evil wife is || a yoke shaken to and fro: he that hath hold of her is as though he held a scorpion.

8 A drunken woman and a gadder abroad causeth great anger, and she will not cover her own shame.

9 The whoredom of a woman may be known in her haughty looks and eyelids.

10 ^c If thy daughter be shameless, keep her in straitly, lest she abuse herself through overmuch liberty.

11 Watch over an impudent eye: and marvel not if she trespass against thee.

12 She will open her mouth, as a thirsty traveller when he hath found a fountain, and drink of every water near her: by every || hedge will she sit down, and open her quiver against every arrow.

13 The grace of a wife delighteth her husband, and her discretion will fatten his bones.

14 A silent and loving woman is a gift of the Lord; and there is nothing so much worth as a mind well instructed.

15 A shamefaced and faithful woman is a double grace, and her continent mind cannot be valued.

16 As the sun when it ariseth † in the high heaven; so is the beauty of a good wife in the || ordering of her house.

17 As the clear light is upon the holy candlestick; so is the beauty of the face || in ripe age.

18 As the golden pillars are upon the

sockets of silver; so are the || fair feet with a constant || heart.

19 My son, keep the flower of thine age sound; and give not thy strength to strangers.

20 When thou hast gotten a fruitful possession through all the field, sow it with thine own seed, trusting in the goodness of thy stock.

21 So thy race which thou leavest shall be magnified, having the confidence of their good descent.

22 An harlot shall be accounted as || spittle; but a married woman is a tower against death to her husband.

23 A wicked woman is given as a portion to a wicked man: but a godly woman is given to him that feareth the Lord.

24 A dishonest woman contemneth shame: but an honest woman will reverence her husband.

25 A shameless woman shall be counted as a dog; but she that is shamefaced will fear the Lord.

26 A woman that honoureth her husband shall be judged wise of all; but she that dishonoureth him in her pride shall be counted ungodly of all.

27 A loud crying woman and a scold shall be sought out to drive away the enemies.

28 There be two things that grieve my heart; and the third maketh me angry: a man of war that suffereth poverty; and ^d men of understanding that are not set by; and ^e one that returneth from righteousness to sin; the Lord prepareth such an one for the sword.

29 ^f A merchant shall hardly keep himself from doing wrong; and an huckster shall not be freed from sin.

CHAP. XXVII.

¹ Of sins in selling and buying. ⁷ Our speech will tell what is in us. ¹⁶ A friend is lost by discovering his secrets. ²⁵ He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it.

MANY ^a have sinned for || a small matter; and he that ^b seeketh for abundance will turn his eyes away.

2 As a nail sticketh fast between the joinings of the stones; so doth sin stick close between buying and selling.

3 Unless a man hold himself diligently in the fear of the Lord, his house shall soon be overthrown.

4 As when one sifteth with a sieve,

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|| Or, comely.
|| Or, breast.

|| Or,
a swine.

^d Eccles. 9.
15.
^e Ezek. 18.
24.

^f ch. 27. 2.

^a Prov. 28.
21.
|| Or, a thing
indifferent.
^b Prov. 23. 4.
¹ Tim. 6. 9.

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|| Or,
thought.
e Prov. 27.
21.

d Mat. 7. 17.

the refuse remaineth; so the filth of man in his || talk.

5 ^c The furnace proveth the potter's vessels; so the trial of man is in his reasoning.

6 ^d The fruit declareth if the tree have been dressed; so is the utterance of a conceit in the heart of man.

7 Praise no man before thou hearest him speak; for this is the trial of men.

8 If thou followest righteousness, thou shalt obtain her, and put her on, as a glorious long robe.

9 The birds will resort unto their like; so will truth return unto them that practise in her.

10 As the lion lieth in wait for the prey; so sin for them that work iniquity.

11 The discourse of a godly man is always with wisdom; but a fool changeth as the moon.

12 If thou be among the indiscreet, observe the time; but be continually among men of understanding.

13 The discourse of fools is irksome, and their sport is the wantonness of sin.

e ch. 23. 9.

14 ^e The talk of him that sweareth much maketh the hair stand upright; and their brawls make one stop his ears.

15 The strife of the proud is bloodshedding, and their revilings are grievous to the ear.

16 Whoso discovereth secrets loseth his credit; and shall never find friend to his mind.

f ch. 22. 22.

17 Love thy friend, and be faithful unto him: but ^f if thou bewrayest his secrets, follow no more after him.

18 For as a man hath destroyed his enemy; so hast thou lost the love of thy neighbour.

19 As one that letteth a bird go out of his hand, so hast thou let thy neighbour go, and shalt not get him again.

20 Follow after him no more, for he is too far off; he is as a roe escaped out of the snare.

21 As for a wound, it may be bound up; and after reviling there may be reconciliation: but he that bewrayeth secrets is without hope.

g Prov. 10.
10.

22 He ^g that winketh with the eyes worketh evil: and he that knoweth him will depart from him.

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|| Or, alter
his speech.

23 When thou art present, he will speak sweetly, and will admire thy words: but at the last he will || writhe his mouth, and slander thy sayings.

24 I have hated many things, but nothing like him; for the Lord will hate him.

25 Whoso casteth a stone on high casteth it on his own head; and a deceitful stroke shall make wounds.

26 ^h Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and ⁱ he that setteth a trap shall be taken therein.

h Ps. 7. 15.
Prov. 26. 27.
Eccles. 10. 8.
i Ps. 9. 15.
& 35. 8.

27 He that worketh mischief, it shall fall upon him, and he shall not know whence it cometh.

28 Mockery and reproach are from the proud; but ^k vengeance, as a lion, shall lie in wait for them.

k Deu. 32. 35.
Rom. 12. 19.

29 They that rejoice at the fall of the righteous shall be taken in the snare; and anguish shall consume them before they die.

30 Malice and wrath, even these are abominations; and the sinful man shall have them both.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Against revenge, 8 quarrelling, 10 anger, 15 and backbiting.

HE ^a that revengeth shall find vengeance from the Lord, and he will surely keep his sins [in remembrance.]

a Deu. 32. 35.
Rom. 12. 19.

2 ^b Forgive thy neighbour the hurt that he hath done unto thee, so shall thy sins also be forgiven when thou prayest.

b Mat. 6. 14.
Mark 11. 25.
Luke 6. 37.

3 ^c One man beareth hatred against another, and doth he seek pardon from the Lord?

c See Matt.
18. 23, &c.

4 He sheweth no mercy to a man, which is like himself: and doth he ask forgiveness of his own sins?

5 If he that is but flesh nourish hatred, who will intreat for pardon of his sins?

6 Remember thy end, and let enmity cease; [remember] corruption and death, and abide in the commandments.

7 Remember the commandments, and bear no malice to thy neighbour: [remember] the covenant of the Highest, and wink at ignorance.

8 ^d Abstain from strife, and thou shalt diminish thy sins: for a furious man will kindle strife.

d ch. 8. 1.

9 A sinful man disquieteth friends,

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• Prov. 26.
21.

and maketh debate among them that be at peace.

10 ^eAs the matter of the fire is, so it burneth: and as a man's strength is, so is his wrath; and according to his riches his anger riseth; and the stronger they are which contend, the more they will be inflamed.

11 An hasty contention kindleth a fire: and an hasty fighting sheddeth blood.

12 If thou blow the spark, it shall burn: if thou spit upon it, it shall be quenched: and both these come out of thy mouth.

^f ch. 21. 28.

13 ^fCurse the whisperer and double-tongued: for such have destroyed many that were at peace.

14 A backbiting tongue hath disquieted many, and driven them from nation to nation: strong cities hath it pulled down, and overthrown the houses of great men.

|| Or, third.

15 A || backbiting tongue hath cast out virtuous women, and deprived them of their labours.

16 Whoso hearkeneth unto it shall never find rest, and never dwell quietly.

17 The stroke of the whip maketh marks in the flesh: but the stroke of the tongue breaketh the bones.

18 Many have fallen by the edge of the sword: but not so many as have fallen by the tongue.

19 Well is he that is defended from it, and hath not passed through the venom thereof; who hath not drawn the yoke thereof, nor hath been bound in her bands.

20 For the yoke thereof is a yoke of iron, and the bands thereof are bands of brass.

21 The death thereof is an evil death, the grave were better than it.

22 It shall not have rule over them that fear God, neither shall they be burned with the flame thereof.

23 Such as forsake the Lord shall fall into it; and it shall burn in them, and not be quenched; it shall be sent upon them as a lion, and devour them as a leopard.

24 Look that thou hedge thy possession about with thorns, and bind up thy silver and gold,

25 And weigh thy words in a balance, and make a door and bar for thy mouth.

26 Beware thou slide not by it, lest thou fall before him that lieth in wait.

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CHAP. XXIX.

1 *We must shew mercy and lend: 4 but the borrower must not defraud the lender. 9 Give alms. 14 A good man will not undo his surety. 18 To be surety and undertake for others is dangerous. 22 It is better to live at home than to sojourn.*

^a **H**E that is merciful will lend unto his neighbour; and he that strengtheneth his hand keepeth the commandments. ^a Ps. 37. 26.

2 ^b Lend to thy neighbour in time of his need, and pay thou thy neighbour again in due season. ^b Deu. 15. 8. Matt. 5. 42. Luke 6. 35.

3 Keep thy word, and deal faithfully with him, and thou shalt always find the thing that is necessary for thee.

4 Many, when a thing was lent them, reckoned it to be found, and put them to trouble that helped them.

5 Till he hath received, he will kiss a man's hand; and for his neighbour's money he will speak submissly: but when he should repay, he will prolong the time, and return words of grief, and complain of the time.

6 || If he prevail, he shall hardly receive the half, and he will count as if he had found it: if not, he hath deprived him of his money, and he hath gotten him an enemy without cause: he payeth him with cursings and railings; and for honour he will pay him disgrace. || Or, If he be able.

7 Many therefore have refused to lend for other men's ill dealing, fearing to be defrauded.

8 Yet have thou patience with a man in poor estate, and delay not to shew him mercy.

9 Help the poor for ^c the commandment's sake, and turn him not away because of his poverty. ^c Deut. 15. 11.

10 Lose thy money for thy brother and thy friend, and ^d let it not rust under a stone to be lost. ^d ch. 20. 30.

11 ^e Lay up thy treasure according to the commandments of the most High, and ^f it shall bring thee more profit than gold. ^e Dan. 4. 27. Matt. 6. 20. Luke 11. 41. & 12. 33. Acts 10. 4. 1 Tim. 6. 18, 19.

12 ^g Shut up alms in thy storehouses: and it shall deliver thee from all affliction. ^g Mat. 19. 21. Tobit 4. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. ch. 17. 22.

13 It shall fight for thee against thine enemies better than a mighty shield and strong spear.

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|| Or, *fail*.

14 An honest man is surety for his neighbour: but he that is impudent will || forsake him.

15 Forget not the friendship of thy surety, for he hath given his life for thee.

16 A sinner will overthrow the good estate of his surety:

17 And he that is of an unthankful mind will leave him [in danger] that delivered him.

18 Suretiship hath undone many of good estate, and shaken them as a wave of the sea: mighty men hath it driven from their houses, so that they wandered among strange nations.

19 A wicked man transgressing the commandments of the Lord shall fall into suretiship: and he that undertaketh and followeth other men's business for gain shall fall into suits.

20 Help thy neighbour according to thy power, and beware that thou thyself fall not into the same.

^b ch. 39. 26.

21 The ^b chief thing for life is water, and bread, and clothing, and an house to cover shame.

22 Better is the life of a poor man in a mean cottage, than delicate fare in another man's house.

¹ 1 Tim. 6.
6, 8.

23 Be it little or much, ¹ hold thee contented, that thou hear not the reproach of thy house.

24 For it is a miserable life to go from house to house: for where thou art a stranger, thou darest not open thy mouth.

25 Thou shalt entertain, and feast, and have no thanks: moreover thou shalt hear bitter words:

26 Come, thou stranger, and furnish a table, and feed me of that thou hast ready.

27 Give place, thou stranger, to an honourable man; my brother cometh to be lodged, and I have need of mine house.

28 These things are grievous to a man of understanding; the upbraiding of houseroom, and reproaching of the lender.

CHAP. XXX.

¹ It is good to correct our children, ⁷ and not to cocker them. ¹⁴ Health is better than wealth. ²² Health and life are shortened by grief.

Of children.
^a Prov. 13.
24. & 23. 13.

HE ^a that loveth his son causeth him oft to feel the rod, that he may have joy of him in the end.

2 He that chastiseth his son shall have || joy in him, and shall rejoice of him among his || acquaintance.

3 He that ^b teacheth his son grieveth the enemy: and before his friends he shall rejoice of him.

4 Though his father die, yet he is as though he were not dead: for he hath left one behind him that is like himself.

5 While he lived, he ^c saw and rejoiced in him: and when he died, he was not sorrowful.

6 He left behind him an avenger against his enemies, and one that shall requite kindness to his friends.

7 He that maketh too much of his son shall bind up his wounds; and his bowels will be troubled at every cry.

8 An horse not broken becometh headstrong: and a child left to himself will be wilful.

9 Cocker thy child, and he shall make thee || afraid: play with him, and he will bring thee to heaviness.

10 Laugh not with him, lest thou have sorrow with him, and lest thou gnash thy teeth in the end.

11 ^d Give him no liberty in his youth, and wink not at his follies.

12 Bow down his neck while he is young, and beat him on the sides while he is a child, lest he wax stubborn, and be disobedient unto thee, and so bring sorrow to thine heart.

13 Chastise thy son, and hold him to labour, lest his lewd behaviour be an offence unto thee.

14 Better is the poor, being sound and strong of constitution, than a rich man that is afflicted in his body.

15 Health and good estate of body are above all gold, and a strong body above infinite wealth.

16 There is no riches above a sound body, and no joy above the joy of the heart.

17 Death is better than a bitter life or continual sickness.

18 Delicates poured upon a mouth shut up are as messes of meat set upon a grave.

19 ^e What good doeth the offering unto an idol? for neither can it eat nor smell: so is he that is || persecuted of the Lord.

20 He seeth with his eyes and groan-

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|| Or, *good by him.*

|| Or,

kingfolk.

^b Deut. 6. 7.

^c Ps. 128.
3, 6.

|| Or,
astonished.

^d ch. 7. 23.

Of health.

^e Bel and Dragon 7.

|| Or,
afflicted.

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f ch. 20. 4.
g Prov. 12.
25. & 15. 13.
& 17. 22.

|| Or,
exultation.

h 2 Cor. 7.
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|| Or,
A noble.

* 1 Tim. 6.
9, 10.

b ch. 8. 2.

* Luke 6. 24.

d Ps. 141. 4.
Prov. 25.
1, 2, 3.
ch. 87. 29.
† Gr.
open not
thy throat
upon it.
e Mat. 6. 23.
& 20. 15.

eth, ^f as an eunuch that embraceth a virgin and sigheth.

21 ^g Give not over thy mind to heaviness, and afflict not thyself in thine own counsel.

22 The gladness of the heart is the life of man, and the ||joyfulness of a man prolongeth his days.

23 Love thine own soul, and comfort thy heart, remove sorrow far from thee: ^h for sorrow hath killed many, and there is no profit therein.

24 Envy and wrath shorten the life, and carefulness bringeth age before the time.

25 || A cheerful and good heart will have a care of his meat and diet.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Of the desire of riches.* 12 *Of moderation and excess in eating, or drinking wine.*

WATCHING for ^a riches consumeth the flesh, and the care thereof driveth away sleep.

2 Watching care will not let a man slumber, as a sore disease breaketh sleep.

3 The rich hath great labour in gathering riches together; and when he resteth, he is filled with his delicates.

4 The poor laboureth in his poor estate; and when he leaveth off, he is still needy.

5 He that loveth gold shall not be justified, and he that followeth corruption shall have enough thereof.

6 ^b Gold hath been the ruin of many, and their destruction was present.

7 It is a stumblingblock unto them that sacrifice unto it, and every fool shall be taken therewith.

8 ^c Blessed is the rich that is found without blemish, and hath not gone after gold.

9 Who is he? and we will call him blessed: for wonderful things hath he done among his people.

10 Who hath been tried thereby, and found perfect? then let him glory. Who might offend, and hath not offended? or done evil, and hath not done it?

11 His goods shall be established, and the congregation shall declare his alms.

12 If thou sit at a bountiful table, ^d † be not greedy upon it, and say not, There is much meat on it.

13 Remember that ^e a wicked eye is an evil thing: and what is created more

wicked than an eye? therefore it weepeth || upon every occasion.

14 Stretch not thine hand whithersoever it looketh, and thrust it not with him into the dish.

15 Judge of thy neighbour by thyself: and be discreet in every point.

16 Eat, as it becometh a man, those things which are set before thee; and devour not, lest thou be hated.

17 Leave off first for manners' sake; ^f and be not unsatiable, lest thou offend.

18 When thou sittest among many, reach not thine hand out first of all.

19 A very little is sufficient for a man well nurtured, || and he fetcheth not his wind short upon his bed.

20 Sound sleep cometh of moderate eating: he riseth early, and his wits are with him: but the pain of watching, and choler, and pangs of the belly, are with an unsatiable man.

21 And if thou hast been forced to eat, arise, go forth, vomit, and thou shalt have rest.

22 My son, hear me, and despise me not, and at the last thou shalt find as I told thee: in all thy works be quick, so shall there no sickness come unto thee.

23 ^g Whoso is liberal of his meat, men shall speak well of him; and the report of his good housekeeping will be believed.

24 But against him that is a niggard of his meat the whole city shall inurmur; and the testimonies of his niggardness shall not be doubted of.

25 Shew not thy ^h valiantness in wine; ⁱ for wine hath destroyed many.

26 The furnace proveth the edge by dipping: so doth wine the hearts of the proud by drunkenness.

27 ^k Wine is as good as life to a man, if it be drunk moderately: what life is then to a man that is without wine? for it was made to make men glad.

28 Wine measurably drunk and in season bringeth gladness of the heart, and cheerfulness of the mind:

29 But wine drunken with excess maketh bitterness of the mind, with brawling and quarrelling.

30 Drunkenness increaseth the rage of a fool till he offend: it diminisheth strength, and maketh wounds.

31 Rebuke not thy neighbour at the

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|| Or, before every thing that is presented.

f ch. 37. 29.

|| Or, and lieth not puffing and blowing.

g Prov. 22. 9.

h Is. 5. 22.

i Judith 13. 2, 8.

k Ps. 104. 15. Prov. 31. 6, 7.

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wine, and despise him not in his mirth: give him no despiteful words, and press not upon him with urging him [to drink.]

CHAP. XXXII.

¹ Of his duty that is chief or master in a feast. ¹⁴ Of the fear of God. ¹⁸ Of counsel. ²⁰ Of a ragged and a smooth way. ²³ Trust not to any but to thyself, and to God.

IF thou be made the master [of a feast,] lift not thyself up, but be among them as one of the rest; take diligent care for them, and so sit down.

² And when thou hast done all thy office, take thy place, that thou mayest be merry with them, and receive a crown for thy well ordering of the feast.

³ Speak, thou that art the elder, for it becometh thee, but with sound judgment; and hinder not musick.

^a Eccles. 3. 7.
ch. 20. 7.

⁴ ^a Pour not out words where there is a musician, and shew not forth wisdom out of time.

⁵ A concert of musick in a banquet of wine is as a signet of carbuncle set in gold.

⁶ As a signet of an emerald set in a work of gold, so is the melody of musick with pleasant wine.

⁷ Speak, young man, if there be need of thee: and yet scarcely when thou art twice asked.

⁸ Let thy speech be short, comprehending much in few words; be as one that knoweth and yet holdeth his tongue.

^b Job 32. 6.

⁹ ^b If thou be among great men, make not thyself equal with them; and when ancient men are in place, use not many words.

¹⁰ Before the thunder goeth lightning; and before a shamefaced man shall go favour.

¹¹ Rise up betimes, and be not the last; but get thee home without delay.

¹² There take thy pastime, and do what thou wilt: but sin not by proud speech.

¹³ And for these things bless him that made thee, and hath replenished thee with his good things.

¹⁴ Whoso feareth the Lord will receive his discipline; and they that seek him early shall find favour.

¹⁵ He that seeketh the law shall be filled therewith: but the hypocrite will be offended thereat.

¹⁶ They that fear the Lord shall find judgment, and shall kindle justice as a light.

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¹⁷ A sinful man will not be reprov- ed, but findeth an excuse according to his will.

¹⁸ A man of counsel will be considerate; but a strange and proud man is not daunted with fear, even when of himself he hath done without counsel.

¹⁹ Do nothing without advice; and when thou hast once done, repent not.

²⁰ Go not in a way wherein thou mayest fall, and stumble not among the stones.

²¹ Be not confident in a plain way.

²² And beware of thine own children.

²³ In every good work trust thy own soul; for this is the keeping of the commandments.

²⁴ He that believeth in the Lord tak- eth heed to the commandment; and he that trusteth in him || shall fare never the worse.

|| Or, shall
not be hurt.

CHAP. XXXIII.

¹ The safety of him that feareth the Lord. ² The wise and the foolish. ⁷ Times and seasons are of God. ¹⁰ Men are in his hands as clay in the hands of the potter. ¹⁸ Chiefly regard thyself. ²⁴ Of servants.

^a **T**HERE shall no evil happen unto him that feareth the Lord; ^b but in temptation even again he will deli- ver him.

^a Prov. 12.
21.
¹ Pet. 3. 13.
^b 2 Pet. 2. 9.

² A wise man hateth not the law; but he that is an hypocrite therein is as a ship in a storm.

³ A man of understanding trusteth in the law; and the law is faithful unto him, || as an oracle.

|| Or, as
the asking
of Urim.

⁴ Prepare what to say, and so thou shalt be heard: and bind up instruc- tion, and then make answer.

⁵ The [†] heart of the ^{*} foolish is like a cartwheel; and his thoughts are like a rolling axletree.

[†] Gr. bowels
^{*} ch. 21. 14

⁶ A stallion horse is as a mocking friend, he neigheth under every one that sitteth upon him.

⁷ Why doth one day excel another, when as all the light of every day in the year is of the sun?

⁸ By the knowledge of the Lord they were distinguished: and he altered sea- sons and feasts.

⁹ Some of them hath he made high days, and hallowed them, and some of them hath he || made ordinary days.

|| Or,
ordained for
the number
of days.

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^d Gen. 1. 27.
& 2. 7.

|| Or,
standings.

^e Isai. 45. 9.
& 64. 8.
Jer. 18. 6.
Wisd. 15.
7, 8.
Rom. 9. 20,
21.

^f ch. 42. 24.

|| Or,
gleaneth.

^g ch. 24. 34.

|| Or, sell not.

|| Or, look to
their hands.

Of servants.

10 And all men are from the ground, and ^d Adam was created of earth.

11 In much knowledge the Lord hath divided them, and made their ways diverse.

12 Some of them hath he blessed and exalted, and some of them hath he sanctified, and set near himself: but some of them hath he cursed and brought low, and turned out of their || places.

13 ^e As the clay is in the potter's hand, to fashion it at his pleasure: so man is in the hand of him that made him, to render to them as liketh him best.

14 Good is set against evil, and life against death: so is the godly against the sinner, and the sinner against the godly.

15 So look upon all the works of the most High; and ^f there are two and two, one against another.

16 I awaked up last of all, as one that || gathereth after the grapegatherers: by the blessing of the Lord I profited, and filled my winepress like a gatherer of grapes.

17 ^g Consider that I laboured not for myself only, but for all them that seek learning.

18 Hear me, O ye great men of the people, and hearken with your ears, ye rulers of the congregation.

19 Give not thy son and wife, thy brother and friend, power over thee while thou livest, and give not thy goods to another: lest it repent thee, and thou intreat for the same again.

20 As long as thou livest and hast breath in thee, || give not thyself over to any.

21 For better it is that thy children should seek to thee, than that thou shouldest || stand to their courtesy.

22 In all thy works keep to thyself the preeminence; leave not a stain in thine honour.

23 At the time when thou shalt end thy days, and finish thy life, distribute thine inheritance.

24 Fodder, a wand, and burdens, *are* for the ass; and bread, correction, and work, for a servant.

25 If thou set thy servant to labour, thou shalt find rest: but if thou let him go idle, he shall seek liberty.

26 A yoke and a collar do bow the

neck: so are tortures and torments for an evil servant.

27 Send him to labour, that he be not idle; for idleness teacheth much evil.

28 Set him to work, as is fit for him: if he be not obedient, put on more heavy fetters.

29 But be not excessive toward any; and without discretion do nothing.

30 ^h If thou have a servant, let him be unto thee as thyself, because thou hast bought him [†] with a price.

31 If thou have a servant, entreat him as a brother: for thou hast need of him, as of thine own soul: if thou entreat him evil, and he run from thee, which way wilt thou go to seek him?

CHAP. XXXIV.

¹ Of dreams. ¹³ The praise and blessing of them that fear the Lord. ¹⁸ The offering of the ancient, and prayer of the poor innocent.

THE hopes of a man void of understanding are vain and false: and dreams lift up fools.

2 Whoso || regardeth dreams is like him that catcheth at a shadow, and followeth after the wind.

3 The vision of dreams is the resemblance of one thing to another, even as the ^a likeness of a face to a face.

4 ^b Of an unclean thing what can be cleansed? and from that thing which is false what truth can come?

5 Divinations, and soothsayings, and dreams, are vain: and the heart fancieth, as a woman's heart in travail.

6 If they be not sent from the most High in thy visitation, || set not thy heart upon them.

7 For dreams have deceived many, and they have failed that put their trust in them.

8 The law shall be found perfect without lies: and wisdom is perfection to a faithful mouth.

9 A man that hath travelled knoweth many things; and he that hath much experience will declare wisdom.

10 He that hath no experience knoweth little: but he that hath travelled is full of prudence.

11 When I travelled, I saw many things; and I understand more than I can express.

12 I was oftentimes in danger of death:

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^h ch. 7. 20.

[†] Gr.
in blood.

Of dreams.

|| Or, hath
his mind
upon.

^a Prov. 27.
19.

^b Job 14. 4.

|| Or, regard
them not.

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yet I was delivered because of these things.

13 The spirit of those that fear the Lord shall live; for their hope is in him that saveth them.

14 Whoso feareth the Lord shall not fear nor be afraid; for he is his hope.

15 Blessed is the soul of him that feareth the Lord: to whom doth he look? and who is his strength?

c Ps. 33. 18.
& 34. 15.
d Ps. 61. 2,
3, 4. & 91.
1, 2, 3, 4.

16 For ^cthe eyes of the Lord are upon them that love him, ^dhe is their mighty protection and strong stay, a defence from heat, and a cover from the sun at noon, a preservation from stumbling, and an help from falling.

17 He raiseth up the soul, and lighteneth the eyes: he giveth health, life, and blessing.

e Prov. 21.
27.

18 ^eHe that sacrificeth of a thing wrongfully gotten, his offering is ridiculous; and ^{||}the gifts of unjust men are not accepted.

|| Or, the mockeries.

f Prov. 15. 8.

19 ^fThe most High is not pleased with the offerings of the wicked; neither is he pacified for sin by the multitude of sacrifices.

20 Whoso bringeth an offering of the goods of the poor doeth as one that killeth the son before his father's eyes.

21 The bread of the needy is their life: he that defraudeth him thereof is a man of blood.

22 He that taketh away his neighbour's living slayeth him; and he that ^gdefraudeth the labourer of his hire is a bloodshedder.

g Lev. 19. 13.
Deut. 24. 14,
15. ch. 7. 20.

23 When one buildeth, and another pulleth down, what profit have they then but labour?

24 When one prayeth, and another curseth, whose voice will the Lord hear?

h Num. 19.
11, 12.

25 ^hHe that washeth himself after the touching of a dead body, if he touch it again, what availeth his washing?

i 2 Pet. 2. 20,
&c.

26 ⁱSo is it with a man that fasteth for his sins, and goeth again, and doeth the same: who will hear his prayer? or what doth his humbling profit him?

CHAP. XXXV.

a 1 Sam. 15.
22. Jer. 7.
3, 5, 6, 7.
Hosea 6. 6.
Mic. 6. 6, 7, 8.
Mark 12. 33.

1 ^aSacrifices pleasing to God. 14 ^aThe prayer of the fatherless, of the widow, and of the humble in spirit.
20 ^aAcceptable mercy.

HE ^athat keepeth the law bringeth offerings enough: he that

taketh heed to the commandment of-fereth a peace offering.

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2 He that requiteth a good turn of-fereth fine flour; and he that giveth alms sacrificeth praise.

3 ^bTo depart from wickedness is a thing pleasing to the Lord; and to for-sake unrighteousness is a propitiation.

c Ex. 23. 15.
Deu. 16. 16.

4 ^cThou shalt not appear empty be-fore the Lord.

5 For all these things [are to be done] because of the commandment.

6 The offering of the righteous mak-eth the altar fat, and the sweet savour thereof is before the most High.

7 The sacrifice of a just man is ac-ceptable, and the memorial thereof shall never be forgotten.

8 ^dGive the Lord his honour with a good eye, and diminish not the first-fruits of thine hands.

d Prov. 3. 9.

9 ^eIn all thy gifts shew a cheerful countenance, and ^{||}dedicate thy tithes with gladness.

e 2 Cor. 9. 7.

|| Or,
set apart.

10 ^fGive unto the most High accord-ing as he hath enriched thee; and as thou hast gotten, give with a cheerful eye.

f Tobit 4. 8.

11 ^gFor the Lord recompenseth, and will give thee seven times as much.

g Prov. 19.
17.

2 Cor. 9. 8.

12 ^{||}Do not think to corrupt with gifts; ^hfor such he will not receive: and trust not to unrighteous sacrifices; for the Lord is judge, and with him is ⁱno respect of persons.

|| Or, Dimi-nish nothing
of thy offer-ings.

h Lev. 22.

20, 21, 22.

Deut. 15. 21.

Mal. 1. 8,

13, 14.

i Deu. 10. 17.

2 Chr. 19. 7.

Job 34. 19.

Wisd. 6. 7.

Acts 10. 34.

Rom. 2. 11.

Gal. 2. 6.

Ephes. 6. 9.

Col. 3. 25.

1 Pet. 1. 17.

k Exod. 22.

23, 27.

13 He will not accept any person against a poor man, but ^kwill hear the prayer of the oppressed.

14 He will not despise the supplica-tion of the fatherless; nor the widow, when she poureth out her complaint.

15 Do not the tears run down the widow's cheeks? and is not her cry against him that causeth them to fall?

16 He that serveth the Lord shall be accepted with favour, and his prayer shall reach unto the clouds.

17 The prayer of the humble pierc-eth the clouds: and till it come nigh, he will not be comforted; and will not depart, till the most High shall behold to judge righteously, and execute judg-ment.

18 ^lFor the Lord will not be slack, neither will the Mighty be patient to-ward them, till he have smitten in

l 2 Pet. 3. 9.

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|| Or, *cruel
oppressors.*

^m Rom. 2. 6.

sunder the loins of the unmerciful, and repayed vengeance to the heathen; till he have taken away the multitude of the || proud, and broken the sceptre of the unrighteous;

19 Till he have ^m rendered to every man according to his deeds, and to the works of men according to their devices; till he have judged the cause of his people, and made them to rejoice in his mercy.

+ Gr. *fair.*

20 Mercy is ⁺ seasonable in the time of affliction, as clouds of rain in the time of drought.

CHAP. XXXVI.

¹ *A prayer for the church against the enemies thereof.* ¹⁸ *A good heart and a froward.* ²¹ *Of a good wife.*

HAVE mercy upon us, O Lord God of all, and behold us:

2 And send thy fear upon all the nations that seek not after thee.

^a Jer. 10. 25.

|| Or, *upon.*

3 ^a Lift up thy hand || against the strange nations, and let them see thy power.

^b Ezek. 20. 41. & 28. 25. & 36. 23. & 39. 27.

4 As thou wast ^b sanctified in us before them: so be thou magnified among them before us.

^c 1 Kings 8. 43, 60.

5 And ^c let them know thee, as we have known thee, that there is no God but only thou, O God.

6 Shew new signs, and make other strange wonders: glorify thy hand and thy right arm, that they may set forth thy wondrous works.

^d Ps. 79. 6.

7 Raise up indignation, and ^d pour out wrath: take away the adversary, and destroy the enemy.

+ Gr. *oath.*

8 Make the time short, remember the ⁺ covenant, and let them declare thy wonderful works.

9 Let him that escapeth be consumed by the rage of the fire; and let them perish that oppress the people.

10 Smite in sunder the heads of the rulers of the heathen, that say, There is none other but we.

^e Jer. 31. 10.

11 ^e Gather all the tribes of Jacob together, and inherit thou them, as from the beginning.

^f Dan. 9. 18, 19.

12 O Lord, ^f have mercy upon the people that is called by thy name, and upon Israel, ^g whom thou hast named thy firstborn.

^g Ex. 4. 22. ^h 2 Chron. 6. 41.

^h Ps. 132. 14. || Or, *that it may magnify thine oracles.*

13 O be merciful unto Jerusalem, thy holy city, ^h the place of thy rest.

14 Fill Sion || with thine unspeak-

able oracles, and thy people with thy glory.

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15 Give testimony unto those that thou hast possessed from the beginning, and raise up || prophets that have been in thy name.

|| Or, *prophecies.*

16 Reward them that wait for thee, and let thy prophets be found faithful.

17 O Lord, hear the prayer of thy || servants, according to the ⁱ blessing of Aaron over thy people, ^k that all they which dwell upon the earth may know that thou art the Lord, the eternal God.

|| Or, *suppliants.* ⁱ Num. 6. 23. ^k 1 Kings 8. 60.

18 The belly devoureth all meats, yet is one meat better than another.

19 ^l As the palate tasteth divers kinds of venison: so doth an heart of understanding false speeches.

^l Job 34. 3.

20 A froward heart causeth heaviness: but a man of experience will recompense him.

21 A woman will receive every man, yet is one daughter better than another.

22 The beauty of a woman cheereth the countenance, and a man loveth nothing better.

23 If there be kindness, meekness, and comfort, in her tongue, then is not her husband like || other men.

|| Or, *common.*

24 He that getteth a wife beginneth || a possession, ^m a help like unto himself, and a pillar of rest.

|| Or, *to thrive.* ^m Gen. 2. 18.

25 Where no hedge is, there the possession is spoiled: and he that hath no wife will wander up and down mourning.

26 Who will trust a thief well appointed, that skippeth from city to city? so [who will believe] a man that hath no house, and lodgeth wheresoever the night taketh him?

CHAP. XXXVII.

¹ *How to know friends and counsellors.* ¹² *The discretion and wisdom of a godly man blesseth him.* ²⁷ *Learn to refrain thine appetite.*

EVERY friend saith, I am his friend also: but there is a friend, which is only a friend in name.

2 Is it not a grief unto death, when a companion and friend is turned to an enemy?

3 O wicked imagination, whence comest thou in to cover the earth with deceit?

4 ⁿ There is a companion, which rejoiceth in the prosperity of a friend, but

ⁿ ch. 6. 10.

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in the time of trouble will be against him.

5 There is a companion, which helpeth his friend for the belly, and taketh up the buckler || against the enemy.

|| Or, in presence of the enemy.

6 Forget not thy friend in thy mind, and be not unmindful of him in thy riches.

7 Every counsellor extolleth counsel; but there is some that counselleth for himself.

|| Or, what use there is of him.

8 Beware of a counsellor, and know before || what need he hath; for he will counsel for himself; lest he cast the lot upon thee,

9 And say unto thee, Thy way is good: and afterward he stand on the other side, to see what shall befall thee.

10 Consult not with one that suspecteth thee: and hide thy counsel from such as envy thee.

11 Neither consult with a woman touching her of whom she is jealous; neither with a coward in matters of war; nor with a merchant concerning exchange; nor with a buyer of selling; nor with an envious man of thankfulness; nor with an unmerciful man touching kindness; nor with the slothful for any work; nor with an hireling for a year of finishing work; nor with an idle servant of much business: hearken not unto these in any matter of counsel.

12 But be continually with a godly man, whom thou knowest to keep the commandments of the Lord, whose mind is according to thy mind, and will sorrow with thee, if thou shalt miscarry.

13 And let the counsel of thine own heart stand: for there is no man more faithful unto thee than it.

14 For a man's mind is sometime wont to tell him more than seven watchmen, that sit above in an high tower

15 And above all this pray to the most High, that he will direct thy way in truth.

16 Let reason go before every enterprise, and counsel before every action.

17 The countenance is a sign of changing of the heart.

18 Four manner of things appear: good and evil, life and death: but the tongue ruleth over them continually.

19 There is one that is wise and

teacheth many, and yet is unprofitable to himself.

20 There is one that sheweth wisdom in words, and is hated: he shall be destitute of all || food.

21 For grace is not given him from the Lord; because he is deprived of all wisdom.

|| Or, wisdom.

22 Another is wise to himself; and the fruits of understanding are commendable in his mouth.

23 A wise man instructeth his people; and the fruits of his understanding fail not.

24 A wise man shall be filled with blessing; and all they that see him shall count him happy.

25 The days of the life of man may be numbered: but the days of Israel are innumerable.

26 ^b A wise man shall inherit || glory among his people, and his name shall be perpetual. ^b Prov. 3. 35. || Or, credit.

27 My son, prove thy soul in thy life, and see what is evil for it, and give not that unto it.

28 For all things are not profitable for all men, neither hath every soul pleasure in every thing.

29 ^c Be not unsatiable in any dainty thing, nor too greedy upon meats: ^c ch. 31. 12, 17.

30 For || excess of meats bringeth sickness, and surfeiting will turn into choler. || Or, variety of meats.

31 By surfeiting have many perished; but he that taketh heed prolongeth his life.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

¹ Honour due to the physician, and why. ¹⁶ How to weep and mourn for the dead. ²⁴ The wisdom of the learned man, and of the labourer and artificer: with the use of them both.

HONOUR a physician with the honour due unto him for the uses which ye may have of him: ^a for the Lord hath created him. ^a ver. 12.

2 For of the most High cometh healing, and he shall receive || honour of the king. || Or, a gift.

3 The skill of the physician shall lift up his head: and in the sight of great men he shall be in admiration.

4 The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them.

5 ^b Was not the water made sweet with wood, that the virtue thereof might be known? ^b Ex. 15. 25.

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6 And he hath given men skill, that he might be honoured in his marvelous works.

7 With such doth he heal [men,] and taketh away their pains.

8 Of such doth the apothecary make a confection; and of his works there is no end; and from him is peace over all the earth.

9 My son, in thy sickness be not negligent: but ^cpray unto the Lord, and he will make thee whole.

10 Leave off from sin, and order thine hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

11 Give a sweet savour, and a memorial of fine flour; and make a fat offering, || as not being.

|| Or, as a
dead man.

^d verse 1.

12 Then give place to the physician, ^dfor the Lord hath created him: let him not go from thee, for thou hast need of him.

13 There is a time when in their hands there is good success.

|| Or, curing.

14 For they shall also pray unto the Lord, that he would prosper that, which they give for ease and || remedy to prolong life.

15 He that sinneth before his Maker, let him fall into the hand of the physician.

^e ch. 22. 11.
^f Thess. 4.
13.

16 My son, ^elet tears fall down over the dead, and begin to lament, as if thou hadst suffered great harm thyself; and then cover his body according to the custom, and neglect not his burial.

17 Weep bitterly, and make great moan, and use lamentation, as he is worthy, and that a day or two, lest thou be evil spoken of: and then comfort thyself for thy heaviness.

^f ch. 30. 23.
^g Cor. 7. 10.
^h Prov. 15.
13. & 17. 22.

18 ^fFor of heaviness cometh death, and the heaviness of the ^gheart breaketh strength.

19 In affliction also sorrow remaineth: and the life of the poor is the curse of the heart.

20 Take no heaviness to heart: drive it away, and remember the last end.

21 Forget it not, for there is no turning again: thou shalt not do him good, but hurt thyself.

|| Or,
the sentences
upon him.

22 Remember || my judgment: for thine also shall be so; yesterday for me, and to day for thee.

^h 2 Sam. 12.
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23 ^hWhen the dead is at rest, let his

remembrance rest; and be comforted for him, when his spirit is departed from him.

24 The wisdom of a learned man cometh by opportunity of leisure: and he that hath little business shall become wise.

25 How can he get wisdom that holdeth the plough, and that glorieth in the goad, that driveth oxen, and is occupied in their labours, and whose talk is [†]of bullocks?

[†] Gr.
of the breed
of bullocks?

26 He giveth his mind to make furrows; and is diligent to give the kine fodder.

27 So every carpenter and workmaster, that laboureth night and day: and they that cut and grave seals, and are diligent to make great variety, and give themselves to counterfeit imagery, and watch to finish a work:

28 The smith also sitting by the anvil, and considering the iron work, the vapour of the fire wasteth his flesh, and he fighteth with the heat of the furnace: the noise of the hammer and the anvil is ever in his ears, and his eyes look still upon the pattern of the thing that he maketh; he setteth his mind to finish his work, and watcheth to polish it perfectly:

29 So doth the potter sitting at his work, and ⁱturning the wheel about ⁱJer. 18. 3. with his feet, who is always carefully set at his work, and maketh all his work by number;

30 He fashioneth the clay with his arm, and || boweth down his strength before his feet; he applieth himself to lead it over; and he is diligent to make clean the furnace:

|| Or, tempereth it
with his feet.

31 All these trust to their hands: and every one is wise in his work.

32 Without these cannot a city be inhabited: and they shall not dwell where they will, nor go up and down:

33 They shall not be sought for in publick counsel, nor sit high in the congregation: they shall not sit on the judges' seat, nor understand the sentence of judgment: they cannot declare justice and judgment; and they shall not be found where parables are spoken.

34 But they will maintain the state of the world, and [all] their desire is in the work of their craft.

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CHAP. XXXIX.

¹ A description of him that is truly wise. ¹² An exhortation to praise God for his works; which are good to the good, and evil to them that are evil.

BUT he that giveth his mind to the law of the most High, and is occupied in the meditation thereof, will seek out the wisdom of all the ancient, and be occupied in prophecies.

² He will keep the sayings of the renowned men: and where subtil parables are, he will be there also.

³ He will seek out the secrets of grave sentences, and be conversant in dark parables.

⁴ He shall serve among great men, and appear before princes: he will travel through strange countries; for he hath tried the good and the evil among men.

⁵ He will give his heart to resort early to the Lord that made him, and will pray before the most High, and will open his mouth in prayer, and make supplication for his sins.

⁶ When the great Lord will, he shall be filled with the spirit of understanding: he shall pour out wise sentences, and give thanks unto the Lord in his prayer.

⁷ He shall direct his counsel and knowledge, and in his secrets shall he meditate.

⁸ He shall shew forth that which he hath learned, and shall glory in the law of the covenant of the Lord.

⁹ Many shall commend his understanding; and so long as the world endureth, it shall not be blotted out; his memorial shall not depart away, and his name shall live from generation to generation.

¹⁰ ^a Nations shall shew forth his wisdom, and the congregation shall declare his praise.

¹¹ If he die, he shall leave a greater name than a thousand: and if he live, he shall ^{||} increase it.

^{||} Or, gain unto it.

¹² Yet have I more to say, which I have thought upon; for I am filled as the moon at the full.

¹³ Harken unto me, ye holy children, and bud forth as a rose growing by the ^{||} brook of the field:

^{||} Or, rivers of water.

¹⁴ And give ye a sweet savour as frankincense, and flourish as a lily,

send forth a smell, and sing a song of praise, bless the Lord in all his works.

¹⁵ Magnify his name, and shew forth his praise with the songs of your lips, and with harps, and in praising him ye shall say after this manner:

¹⁶ ^b All the works of the Lord are exceeding good, and ^c whatsoever he commandeth shall be accomplished in due season.

¹⁷ ^d And none may say, What is this? wherefore is that? for at time convenient they shall all be sought out: ^e at his commandment the waters stood as an heap, and at the words of his mouth the receptacles of waters.

¹⁸ ^f At his commandment is done whatsoever pleaseth him; and none can hinder, when he will save.

¹⁹ ^g The works of all flesh are before him, and nothing can be hid from his eyes.

²⁰ He seeth from everlasting to everlasting; and there is nothing wonderful before him.

²¹ A man need not to say, What is this? wherefore is that? for he hath made all things for their uses.

²² His blessing covered the dry land as a river, and watered it as a flood.

²³ As he hath turned the waters into saltness: so shall the heathen inherit his wrath.

²⁴ ^h As his ways are plain unto the holy; so are they stumblingblocks unto the wicked.

²⁵ For the good are good things created from the beginning: ⁱ so evil things for sinners.

²⁶ ^k The principal things for the whole use of man's life are water, fire, iron, and salt, flour of wheat, honey, milk, and ^l the blood of the grape, and oil, and clothing.

²⁷ ^m All these things are for good to the godly: so to the sinners they are turned into evil.

²⁸ There be spirits that are created for vengeance, which in their fury lay on sore strokes; in the time of destruction they pour out their force, and appease the wrath of him that made them.

²⁹ ⁿ Fire, and hail, and famine, and death, all these were created for vengeance;

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^b Gen. 1. 31.
verse 33.
Mark 7. 37.
¹ Tim. 4. 4.
^c Numb. 23.
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^d Rom. 9. 20.

^e Ps. 33. 6, 7.
& 147. 15, 18.

^f Ps. 135. 6.

^g Heb. 4. 13.

^h Hos. 14. 9.

ⁱ ch. 40. 10.

^k ch. 29. 21.

^l Gen. 49. 11.
Deut. 32. 14.
ch. 40. 20.
& 50. 15.

^m Rom. 8.
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¹ Tim. 4. 4.

ⁿ ch. 40. 9.

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o Deu. 32. 24.
p Wisd. 16. 5.
|| Or, *vipers*.
q Job 38. 35.
Ps. 148. 8.

30 °Teeth of wild beasts, and scorpions, p || serpents, and the sword, punishing the wicked to destruction.

31 °They shall rejoice in his commandment, and they shall be ready upon earth, when need is; and when their time is come, they shall not transgress his word.

32 Therefore from the beginning I was resolved, and thought upon these things, and have left them in writing.

r Gen. 1. 31.
ver. 16.

33 °All the works of the Lord are good: and he will give every needful thing in due season.

34 So that a man cannot say, This is worse than that: for in time they shall all be well approved.

35 And therefore praise ye the Lord with the whole heart and mouth, and bless the name of the Lord.

CHAP. XL.

1 *Many miseries in a man's life.* 12 *The reward of unrighteousness, and the fruit of true dealing.* 17 *A virtuous wife and an honest friend rejoice the heart, but the fear of the Lord is above all.* 28 *A beggar's life is hateful.*

a Gen. 3. 19.
Eccles. 1. 3.

GREAT °travail is created for every man, and an heavy yoke is upon the sons of Adam, from the day that they go out of their mother's womb, till the day that they return to the mother of all things.

2 Their imagination of things to come, and the day of death, [trouble] their thoughts, and [cause] fear of heart;

3 From him that sitteth on a throne of glory, unto him that is humbled in earth and ashes;

|| Or, *to the porter.*

4 From him that weareth purple and a crown, || unto him that is clothed with a linen frock.

5 Wrath, and envy, trouble, and unquietness, fear of death, and anger, and strife, and in the time of rest upon his bed his night sleep, do change his knowledge.

6 A little or nothing is his rest, and afterward he is in his sleep, as in a day of keeping watch, troubled in the vision of his heart, as if he were escaped out of a battle.

7 When all is safe, he awaketh, and marvelleth that the fear was nothing.

8 [Such things happen] unto all flesh, both man and beast, and that is sevenfold more upon sinners.

b ch. 39. 25,
29, 30.

9 °Death, and bloodshed, strife, and

sword, calamities, famine, tribulation, and the scourge;

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10 These things are created for the wicked, and for their sakes came the °flood.

c Gen. 6. 13.
& 7. 11.
d Gen. 3. 19.
ch. 41. 10.

11 °All things that are of the earth shall turn to the earth again: and that which is of the °waters doth return into the sea.

e Eccles. 1. 7.

12 All † bribery and injustice shall be blotted out: but true dealing shall endure for ever.

† Gr. *briles*.

13 The goods of the unjust shall be dried up like a river, and shall vanish with noise, like a great thunder in rain.

14 While he openeth his hand he shall rejoice: so shall transgressors come to nought.

15 The children of the ungodly shall not bring forth many branches: but are as unclean roots upon a hard rock.

16 °The weed growing upon every water and °bank of a river shall be pulled up before all grass.

f Job 8. 11.
& 18. 16.
g Gen. 41. 3.

17 Bountifulness is as || a most fruitful garden, and mercifulness endureth for ever.

|| Or, *a garden that is blessed: as ver. 27.*

18 To labour, and °to be content with that a man hath, is a sweet life: but he that findeth a treasure is above them both.

h Phil. 4. 11.
i Tim. 6. 6.

19 Children and the building of a city continue a man's name: but a blameless wife is counted above them both.

20 Wine and musick rejoice the heart: but the love of wisdom is above them both.

21 The pipe and the psaltery make sweet melody: but a pleasant tongue is above them both.

22 Thine eye desireth favour and beauty: but more than both corn while it is green.

23 A friend and companion never meet amiss: but above both is a wife with her husband.

24 Brethren and help are against time of trouble: but alms shall deliver more than them both.

25 Gold and silver make the foot stand sure: but counsel is esteemed above them both.

26 Riches and strength lift up the heart: but the fear of the Lord is above them both: there is no want in

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¹ ver. 17.
|| Or, a
garden that
is blessed.
^k Isai. 4. 5.

the fear of the Lord, and it needeth not to seek help.

27 The fear of the Lord is ¹|| a fruitful garden, and ^k covereth him above all glory.

28 My son, lead not a beggar's life; for better it is to die than to beg.

29 The life of him that dependeth on another man's table is not to be counted for a life; for he polluteth himself with other men's meat: but a wise man well nurtured will beware thereof.

30 Begging is sweet in the mouth of the shameless: but in his belly there shall burn a fire.

CHAP. XLI.

¹ The remembrance of death. ³ Death is not to be feared. ⁵ The ungodly shall be accursed. ¹¹ Of an evil and a good name. ¹⁴ Wisdom is to be uttered. ¹⁶ Of what things we should be ashamed.

O DEATH, how bitter is the remembrance of thee to a man that liveth at rest in his possessions, unto the man that hath nothing to vex him, and that hath prosperity in all things: yea, unto him that is yet able to receive meat!

2 O death, acceptable is thy sentence unto the needy, and unto him whose strength faileth, that is now in the last age, and || is vexed with all things, and to him that despaireth, and hath lost patience!

|| Or, to
whom every
thing is
troublesome.

3 Fear not the sentence of death, remember them that have been before thee, and that come after; for this is the sentence of the Lord over all flesh.

4 And why art thou against the pleasure of the most High? there is no inquisition in the grave, whether thou have lived ten, or an hundred, or a thousand years.

5 The children of sinners are abominable children, and they that are conversant in the dwelling of the ungodly.

6 The inheritance of sinners' children shall perish, and their posterity shall have a perpetual reproach.

7 The children will complain of an ungodly father, because they shall be reproached for his sake.

8 Woe be unto you, ungodly men, which have forsaken the law of the most high God! for if ye increase, it shall be to your destruction:

9 And if ye be born, ye shall be born

to a curse: and if ye die, a curse shall be your portion.

10 ^a All that are of the earth shall turn to earth again: so the ungodly shall go from a curse to destruction.

11 The mourning of men is about their bodies: but an ill name of sinners shall be blotted out.

12 Have regard to thy name; for ^b that shall continue with thee above ^b Prov. 22. 1. a thousand great treasures of gold.

13 A good life hath but few days: but a good name endureth for ever.

14 My children, keep discipline in peace: for ^c wisdom that is hid, and a ^c ch. 20. 30. treasure that is not seen, what profit is in them both?

15 ^d A man that hideth his foolishness is better than a man that hideth his wisdom. ^d ch. 20. 31.

16 Therefore be shamefaced according to my word: for it is not good to retain all shamefacedness; neither is it altogether approved in every thing.

17 Be ashamed of whoredom before father and mother: and of a lie before a prince and a mighty man;

18 Of an offence before a judge and ruler; of iniquity before a congregation and people; of unjust dealing before thy partner and friend;

19 And of theft in regard of the place where thou sojournest, and in regard of the truth of God and his covenant; and to lean with thine elbow upon the meat; and of scorning to give and take;

20 And of silence before them that salute thee; and to look upon an harlot;

21 And to turn away thy face from thy kinsman; or to take away a portion or a gift; or ^e to gaze upon another ^e Mat. 5. 28. man's wife;

22 Or to be overbusy with his maid, and come not near her bed; or of upbraiding speeches before friends; and ^f after thou hast given, upbraid not; ^f ch. 20. 15.

23 Or of ^g iterating and speaking ^g ch. 19. 7. again that which thou hast heard; and of revealing of secrets.

24 So shalt thou be truly shamefaced, and find favour before all men.

CHAP. XLII.

¹ Whereof we should not be ashamed. ⁹ Be careful of thy daughter. ¹² Beware of a woman. ¹⁵ The works and greatness of God.

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^a ch. 40. 11.

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^a Lev. 19. 15.
Deut. 1. 17.
Prov. 24. 23.
ch. 20. 22.

|| Or, *Of
thy partners'
speech.*

|| Or,
companions.
|| Or, *of the
giving.*

|| Or, *with-
out profit.*

|| Or,
dearest for.
|| Or, *rebuke.*

|| Or, *that is
accused of
fornication.*

^b ch. 26. 10.

^c ch. 25. 21.

^d Gen. 3. 6.

|| Or,
wickedness.

OF these things be not thou ashamed, and ^aaccept no person to sin thereby :

2 Of the law of the most High, and his covenant; and of judgment to justify the ungodly ;

3 || Of reckoning with thy partners and || travellers; or || of the gift of the heritage of friends ;

4 Of exactness of balance and weights; or of getting much or little ;

5 And of merchants' || indifferent selling; of much correction of children; and to make the side of an evil servant to bleed.

6 Sure keeping is good, where an evil wife is; and shut up, where many hands are.

7 Deliver all things in number and weight; and put all in writing that thou || givest out, or receivest in.

8 Be not ashamed to || inform the unwise and foolish, and the extreme aged || that contendeth with those that are young: thus shalt thou be truly learned, and approved of all men living.

9 The father waketh for the daughter, when no man knoweth; and the care for her taketh away sleep: when she is young, lest she pass away the flower of her age; and being married, lest she should be hated :

10 In her virginity, lest she should be defiled and gotten with child in her father's house; and having an husband, lest she should misbehave herself; and when she is married, lest she should be barren.

11 ^b Keep a sure watch over a shameless daughter, lest she make thee a laughingstock to thine enemies, and a byword in the city, and a reproach among the people, and make thee ashamed before the multitude.

12 Behold not every body's ^c beauty, and sit not in the midst of women.

13 For from garments cometh a moth, and ^d from women wickedness.

14 Better is the || churlishness of a man than a courteous woman, a woman, *I say*, which bringeth shame and reproach.

15 I will now remember the works of the Lord, and declare the things that I have seen: In the words of the Lord are his works.

16 The sun that giveth light looketh

upon all things, and the work thereof is full of the glory of the Lord.

17 ^e The Lord hath not given power to the saints to declare all his marvellous works, which the Almighty Lord firmly settled, that whatsoever is might be established for his glory.

18 He seeketh out the deep, and the heart, and considereth their crafty devices: for || the Lord knoweth all that may be known, and he beholdeth the signs of the world.

19 He declareth the things that are past, and for to come, and revealeth the steps of hidden things.

20 ^f No thought escapeth him, neither any word is hidden from him.

21 He hath garnished the excellent works of his wisdom, and he is from everlasting to everlasting: unto him may nothing be added, neither can he be diminished, and he hath no need of any counsellor.

22 Oh how desirable are all his works! and that a man may see even to a spark.

23 All these things live and remain for ever for all uses, and they are all obedient.

24 ^g All things are double one against another: and he hath made nothing imperfect.

25 One thing establisheth the good of another: and who shall be filled with beholding his glory?

CHAP. XLIII.

¹ The works of God in heaven, and in earth, and in the sea, are exceeding glorious and wonderful. 29 Yet God himself in his power and wisdom is above all.

THE pride of the height, the clear firmament, the beauty of heaven, with his glorious shew;

2 The sun when it appeareth, declaring at his rising a marvellous || instrument, the work of the most High: || Or, *vessel.*

3 At noon it parcheth the country, and who can abide the burning heat thereof?

4 A man blowing a furnace is in works of heat, but the sun burneth the mountains three times more; breathing out fiery vapours, and sending forth bright beams, it dimmeth the eyes.

5 Great is the Lord that made it; and at his commandment || it runneth hastily.

6 ^a He made the moon also to serve

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^e ch. 43. 27.

|| Or,
the Highest.

^f Job 42. 2.
Isai. 29. 15.

^g ch. 33. 15.

|| Or, *vessel.*

|| Or,
*he stayeth
his course.*

^a Gen. 1. 14,
16.
Ps. 104. 19.

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^b Ex. 12. 2.

in her season for a declaration of times, and a sign of the world.

7 ^b From the moon is the sign of feasts, a light that decreaseth in her perfection.

8 The month is called after her name, increasing wonderfully in her changing, being an instrument of the armies above, shining in the firmament of heaven;

9 The beauty of heaven, the glory of the stars, an ornament giving light in the highest places of the Lord.

10 At the commandment of the Holy One they will stand in their order, and never faint in their watches.

^c Gen. 9. 13.

11 ^c Look upon the rainbow, and praise him that made it; very beautiful it is in the brightness thereof.

^d Isai. 40. 12, &c.

12 It compasseth the heaven about with a glorious circle, and the ^d hands of the most High have bended it.

13 By his commandment he maketh the snow to fall apace, and sendeth swiftly the lightnings of his judgment.

^e Deu. 28. 12.
Job 38. 22.
Ps. 135. 7.
Jer. 10. 13.
& 51. 16.

14 Through this ^e the treasures are opened: and clouds fly forth as fowls.

15 By his great power he maketh the clouds firm, and the hailstones are broken small.

16 At his sight the mountains are shaken, and at his will the south wind bloweth.

^f Or, to groan as a woman in her travail.

17 The noise of the thunder maketh the earth ^f to tremble: so doth the northern storm and the whirlwind: as birds flying he scattereth the snow, and the falling down thereof is as the lighting of grasshoppers:

18 The eye marvelleth at the beauty of the whiteness thereof, and the heart is astonished at the raining of it.

19 The hoarfrost also as salt he poureth on the earth, and being congealed, ^g it lieth on the top of sharp stakes.

^g Or, it is as the point of sharp stakes.

20 When the cold north wind bloweth, and the water is congealed into ice, it abideth upon every gathering together of water, and clotheth the water as with a breastplate.

21 It devoureth the mountains, and burneth the wilderness, and consumeth the grass as fire.

^h Or, upon the heat.

22 A present remedy of all is a mist coming speedily: a dew coming ^h after heat refresheth.

23 By his counsel he appeaseth the deep, and planteth islands therein.

24 ⁱ They that sail on the sea tell of the danger thereof; and when we hear it with our ears, we marvel thereat.

25 ^j For therein be strange and wondrous works, variety of all kinds of beasts and whales created.

26 By him the end of them hath prosperous success, and ^k by his word all things consist.

27 We may speak much, and ^l yet come short: wherefore in sum, he is all.

28 How shall we be able to magnify him? for he is great above all his works.

29 ^k The Lord is terrible and very great, and marvellous is his power.

30 When ye glorify the Lord, exalt him as much as ye can; for even yet will he far exceed: and when ye exalt him, put forth all your strength, and be not weary; for ye can never go far enough.

31 ^l Who hath seen him, that he might tell us? and who can magnify him as he is?

32 There are yet hid greater things than these be, for we have seen but a few of his works.

33 For the Lord hath made all things; and to the godly hath he given wisdom.

CHAP. XLIV.

¹ The praise of certain holy men: 16 of Enoch, 17 Noah, 19 Abraham, 22 Isaac, 23 and Jacob.

LET us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.

The praise of the fathers.

2 The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power from the beginning.

3 Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and declaring prophecies:

4 Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent in their instructions:

5 Such as found out musical tunes, and recited ^m verses in writing:

^m Or, ditties.

6 Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations:

7 All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times.

8 There be of them, that have left

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a name behind them, that their praises might be reported.

9 And some there be, which have
* Gen. 7. 22. no memorial; * who are perished, as though they had never been; and are become as though they had never been born; and their children after them.

10 But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten.

11 With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant.

|| Or,
after them.

12 Their seed standeth fast, and their children || for their sakes.

13 Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out.

14 Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

b ch. 39. 10.

15 ^b The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

c Gen. 5. 24.
ch. 49. 14.
Heb. 11. 5.

16 ^c Enoch pleased the Lord, and was translated, being an example of repentance to all generations.

d Gen. 6. 9.
& 7. 1.
Heb. 11. 7.

17 ^d Noah was found perfect and righteous; in the time of wrath he was taken in exchange [for the world;] therefore was he left as a remnant unto the earth, when the flood came.

e Gen. 9. 11.

18 An ^e everlasting covenant was made with him, that all flesh should perish no more by the flood.

f Gen. 12.
2, 3. & 15. 5.
& 17. 4.

19 Abraham was a ^f great father of many people: in glory was there none like unto him;

g Gen. 17. 10,
11. & 21. 4.
h Gen. 22. 1.

20 Who kept the law of the most High, and was in covenant with him: he established the covenant in ^g his flesh; and when he was ^h proved, he was found faithful.

i Gen. 22. 16,
17, 18.
Gal. 3. 8.

21 Therefore he assured him by an ⁱ oath, that he would bless the nations in his seed, and that he would multiply him as the dust of the earth, and exalt his seed as the stars, and cause them to inherit from sea to sea, and from the river unto the utmost part of the land.

k Gen. 26.
3, 4, 5.

22 ^k With Isaac did he establish likewise [for Abraham his father's sake] the blessing of all men, and the covenant,

l Gen. 27. 28.
& 28. 14.

23 And made it rest upon the head of ^l Jacob. He acknowledged him in his blessing, and gave him an heritage,

and divided his portions; among the twelve tribes did he part them.

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CHAP. XLV.

1 The praise of Moses, 6 of Aaron, 23 and of Phinees.

AND he brought out of him a merciful man, which found favour in the sight of all flesh, even ^a Moses, beloved of God and men, whose memorial is blessed.

* Ex. 11. 3.

2 He made him like to the glorious saints, and magnified him, so that his enemies stood in fear of him.

3 By his words he caused the wonders to cease, and he made him ^b glorious in the sight of kings, and gave him a commandment for his people, and ^c shewed him part of his glory.

b Exod. 7,
8, 9, 10,
chapters.

c Ex. 34. 6.

4 ^d He sanctified him in his faithfulness and meekness, and chose him out of all men.

d Num. 12. 3.

5 He made him to hear his voice, and ^e brought him into the dark cloud, and ^f gave him commandments before his face, even the law of life and knowledge, that he might teach Jacob his covenants, and Israel his judgments.

* Ex. 24. 18.

f Ex. 19. 7.
Deut. 6. 1, 2.

6 He ^g exalted Aaron, an holy man like unto him, even his brother, of the tribe of Levi.

g Ex. 4. 14.

7 An everlasting covenant he made with him, and ^h gave him the priesthood among the people; [†] he beautified him with comely ornaments, and clothed him with a robe of glory.

h Exod. 28.
1, 2, 4.
† Gr.
he blessed.

8 He put upon him perfect glory; and strengthened him with [†] rich garments, with breeches, with a long robe, and the ephod.

† Gr.
vessels, or,
instruments.

9 And he compassed him with ⁱ pomegranates, and with many golden bells round about, that as he went there might be a ^k sound, and a noise made that might be heard in the temple, for a memorial to the children of his people;

i Ex. 28. 33.

k Ex. 28. 35.

10 With an holy garment, with gold, and blue silk, and purple, the work of the embroiderer, ^l with a breastplate of judgment, and with Urim and Thummim;

l Exod. 28.
15, 30.

11 With twisted scarlet, the work of the cunning workman, ^m with precious stones graven like seals, and set in gold, the work of the jeweller, with a writing engraved for a memorial, after the number of the tribes of Israel.

m Ex. 28. 17.

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^a Ex. 28. 36.

12 ^a He set a crown of gold upon the mitre, wherein was engraved Holiness, an ornament of honour, a costly work, the desires of the eyes, goodly and beautiful.

13 Before him there were none such, neither did ever any stranger put them on, but only his children and his children's children perpetually.

^a Num. 28.
3, 4.

14 ^a Their sacrifices shall be wholly consumed every day twice continually.

^r Lev. 8.

15 ^r Moses consecrated him, and anointed him with holy oil: this was appointed unto him by an everlasting covenant, and to his seed, so long as the heavens should remain, that they should minister unto him, and execute the office of the priesthood, and ^a bless the people in his name.

^q Num. 6.
23, 24.

^r Num. 17. 5.
¹ Sam. 2. 28.

16 ^r He chose him out of all men living to offer sacrifices to the Lord, incense, and a sweet savour, for a memorial, to make reconciliation for his people.

^a Deut. 17.
10, 11. & 21.
5. & 33. 10.
Mal. 2. 7.

17 ^a He gave unto him his commandments, and authority in the statutes of judgments, that he should teach Jacob the testimonies, and inform Israel in his laws.

^c Num. 16. 1.

18 ^c Strangers conspired together against him, and maligned him in the wilderness, even the men that were of Dathan's and Abiron's side, and the congregation of Core, with fury and wrath.

19 This the Lord saw, and it displeased him, and in his wrathful indignation were they consumed: he did wonders upon them, to consume them with the fiery flame.

^a Num. 17. 8.

20 ^a But he made Aaron more honourable, and gave him an heritage, ^a and divided unto him the firstfruits of the increase; especially he prepared bread in abundance:

^x Num. 18.
12, 13.

^y 1 Cor. 9. 13.

21 ^y For they eat of the sacrifices of the Lord, which he gave unto him and his seed.

^a Num. 18.
20.
Deu. 12. 12.
& 18. 1, 2.

22 ^a Howbeit in the land of the people he had no inheritance, neither had he any portion among the people: for the Lord himself is his portion and inheritance.

^a Num. 25.
11, 12, 13.
¹ Mac. 2. 54.

23 ^a The third in glory is Phinees the son of Eleazar, because he had zeal in the fear of the Lord, and stood up with good courage of heart when the people

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were turned back, and made reconciliation for Israel.

24 Therefore was there a covenant of peace made with him, that he should be the chief of the sanctuary and of his people, and that he and his posterity should have the dignity of the priesthood for ever:

25 ^b According to the covenant made with David son of Jesse, of the tribe of Juda, that the inheritance of the king should be to his posterity alone: so the inheritance of Aaron should also be unto his seed.

^b 2 Sam. 7.
12, & c.

26 God give you wisdom in your heart to judge his people in righteousness, that their good things be not abolished, and that their glory may endure for ever.

CHAP. XLVI.

¹ The praise of Joshua, 9 of Caleb, 13 of Samuel.

JESUS ^a the son of Nave was valiant in the wars, and was the successor of Moses in prophecies, who according to his name was made great for the saving of the elect of God, and taking vengeance of the enemies that rose up against them, that he might set Israel in their inheritance.

^a Num. 27.
18.
Deut. 34. 9.
Josh. 1. 2.
& 12. 7.

2 How great glory gat he, when he did lift up his hands, and stretched out his sword against the cities!

3 Who before him so stood to it? for the Lord himself brought his enemies unto him.

4 ^b Did not the sun go back by his means? and was not one day as long as two?

^b Josh. 10.
12, 13, 14.

5 He called upon the most high Lord, when the enemies pressed upon him on every side; and the great Lord heard him.

6 ^c And with hailstones of mighty power he made the battle to fall violently upon the nations, and in the descent [of Beth-horon] he destroyed them that resisted, that the nations might know all their strength, because he fought in the sight of the Lord, and he followed the Mighty One.

^c Josh. 10.
11.

7 ^d In the time of Moses also he did a work of mercy, he and Caleb the son of Jephunne, in that they withstood the congregation, and withheld the people from sin, and appeased the wicked murmuring.

^d Num. 14. 6.
¹ Mac. 2.
55, 56.

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* Num. 26.
85. Deu. 1.
35, 36.

f Num. 14.
38.
Josh. 14. 11.

g Josh. 14.
8, 9.

h ch. 49. 10.

i 1 Sam. 10. 1.
& 16. 13.

k 1 Sam. 3.
19, 20.

l 1 Sam. 7.
9, 10.

m 1 Sam.
12. 3.

n 1 Sam. 28.
18, 19.

* 2 Sam. 7.
2, 3. & 12. 1.
1 Chr. 17. 1.

8 ° And of six hundred thousand people on foot, they two were preserved to bring them into the heritage, even unto the land that floweth with milk and honey.

9 f The Lord gave strength also unto Caleb, which remained with him unto his old age: so that he entered upon the high places of the land, and his seed obtained it for an heritage:

10 That all the children of Israel might see that it is good to g follow the Lord.

11 And concerning the judges, every one by name, whose heart went not a whoring, nor departed from the Lord, let their memory be blessed.

12 Let their bones h flourish out of their place, and let the name of them that were honoured be continued upon their children.

13 i Samuel, the prophet of the Lord, beloved of his Lord, established a kingdom, and anointed princes over his people.

14 By the law of the Lord he judged the congregation, and the Lord had respect unto Jacob.

15 k By his faithfulness he was found a true prophet, and by his word he was known to be faithful in vision.

16 He called upon the mighty Lord, when his enemies pressed upon him on every side, when he offered the l suckling lamb.

17 And the Lord thundered from heaven, and with a great noise made his voice to be heard.

18 And he destroyed the rulers of the Tyrians, and all the princes of the Philistines.

19 And before his long sleep he made m protestations in the sight of the Lord and his anointed, I have not taken any man's goods, so much as a shoe: and no man did accuse him.

20 And after his death n he prophesied, and shewed the king his end, and lifted up his voice from the earth in prophecy, to blot out the wickedness of the people.

CHAP. XLVII.

1 The praise of Nathan, 2 of David, 12 of Solomon his glory, and infirmities. 23 Of his end and punishment.

AND after him rose up * Nathan to prophesy in the time of David.

2 As is the fat taken away from the peace offering, so was David chosen out of the children of Israel.

3 || He played with b lions as with kids, and with bears as with lambs.

4 ° Slew he not a giant, when he was yet but young? and did he not take away reproach from the people, when he lifted up his hand with the stone in the sling, and beat down the boasting of Goliath?

5 For he called upon the most high Lord; and he gave him strength in his right hand to slay that mighty warrior, and set up the horn of his people.

6 So the people honoured him with d ten thousands, and praised him in the blessings of the Lord, in that he gave him a crown of glory.

7 For ° he destroyed the enemies on every side, and || brought to nought the Philistines his adversaries, and brake their horn in sunder unto this day.

8 In all his works he praised the Holy One most high with words of glory; with his whole heart he sung songs, and loved him that made him.

9 f He set singers also before the altar, that by their voices they might make sweet melody, and daily sing praises in their songs.

10 He beautified their feasts, and set in order the solemn times || until the end, that they might praise his holy name, and that the temple might sound from morning.

11 ° The Lord took away his sins, and exalted his horn for ever: he gave him a covenant of kings, and a throne || of glory in Israel.

12 After him rose up a wise son, and for his sake he dwelt at large.

13 h Solomon reigned in a peaceable time, and was honoured; for God made all quiet round about him, that he might build an house in his name, and prepare his sanctuary for ever.

14 i How wise wast thou in thy youth, and, as a flood, filled with understanding!

15 Thy soul covered the whole earth, and thou filledst it with dark parables.

16 k Thy name went far unto the islands; and for thy peace thou wast beloved.

17 l The countries marvelled at thee

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|| Or, He smote lions.
b 1 Sam. 17.
34.

c 1 Sam. 17.
49, 50, 51.

d 1 Sam. 18.
7.

e 2 Sam. 5. 7.
& 8. 1, &c.
|| Or, contemned.

f 1 Chron.
16. 4.

|| Or, perfectly.

g 2 Sam. 12.
13.

|| Or, of a kingdom.

h 1 Kin. 4.
21, 24, 25.
& 5. 4, 5.

i 1 Kin. 4.
29, 30.

k 1 Kin. 4.
34. & 10. 1.

l 1 Kin. 4.
31, 32.

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for thy songs, and proverbs, and parables, and interpretations.

18 By the name of the Lord God, which is called the Lord God of Israel, thou didst ^mgather gold as tin, and didst multiply silver as lead.

^m 1 Kings
10. 22, 27.

19 ⁿ Thou didst bow thy loins unto women, and ^{||}by thy body thou wast brought into subjection.

ⁿ 1 Kin. 11.
1, &c.
^{||} Or, in.

20 Thou didst stain thy honour, and pollute thy seed: so that thou broughtest wrath upon thy children, and wast grieved for thy folly.

21 ^o So the kingdom was divided, and out of Ephraim ruled a rebellious kingdom.

^o 1 Kin. 12.
15, 16, 17, 20.

22 ^p But the Lord will never leave off his mercy, neither shall any of his works perish, neither will he abolish the posterity of his elect, and the seed of him that loveth him he will not take away: wherefore he gave a remnant unto Jacob, and out of him a root unto David.

^p 2 Sam. 7.
15.
^p 89. 33.

23 Thus rested Solomon with his fathers, ^qand of his seed he left behind him Roboam, even the foolishness of the people, and one that had no understanding, who ^rturned away the people through his counsel. There was also Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who ^scaused Israel to sin, and shewed Ephraim the way of sin:

^q 1 Kin. 11.
43.

24 And their sins were multiplied exceedingly, that ^tthey were driven out of the land.

^t 2 Kin. 17.
6, 18.

25 For they sought out all wickedness, till the vengeance came upon them.

CHAP. XLVIII.

¹ The praise of Elias, ¹² of Eliseus, ¹⁷ and of Ezekias.

THEN stood up ^aElias the prophet as fire, and his word burned like a lamp.

^a 1 Kings
17. 1.

2 ^b He brought a sore famine upon them, and by his zeal he diminished their number.

^b Jam. 5. 17.

3 By the word of the Lord he ^{||}shut up the heaven, ^cand also three times brought down fire.

^{||} Or, made
heaven to
hold up.

4 O Elias, how wast thou honoured in thy wondrous deeds! and who may glory like unto thee!

^c 1 Kin. 18.
38. 2 Kin.
1. 10, 12.

5 ^d Who didst raise up a dead man from death, and his soul from the ^{||}place of the dead, by the word of the most High:

^d 1 Kin. 17.
21, 22.
^{||} Or, grave.

6 ^e Who broughtest kings to destruction, and honourable men from their ^{||}bed:

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7 Who heardest the rebuke of the Lord in Sinai, ^fand in Horeb the judgment of vengeance:

^e 2 Kin. 1.
16.
^{||} Or, seat.
^f 1 Kin. 19.
8, &c.

8 ^g Who anointedst kings to take revenge, and prophets to succeed after ^{||}him:

^g 1 Kin. 19.
15, 16.
^{||} Or, thee.

9 ^h Who wast taken up in a whirlwind of fire, and in a chariot of fiery horses:

^h 2 Kin. 2.
11.

10 Who wast ^{||}ordained ⁱfor reproofs in their times, to pacify the wrath of the Lord's judgment, before it brake forth into fury, and to turn the heart of the father unto the son, and to ^{||}restore the tribes of Jacob.

^{||} Or,
written of.
ⁱ Mal. 4. 5, 6.
Luke 1. 17.

11 Blessed are they that saw thee, and ^{||}slept in love; for we shall surely live.

^{||} Or,
establish.

12 ^k Elias it was, who was covered with a whirlwind: and Eliseus was filled with his spirit: whilst he lived, ^lhe was not moved *with the presence* of any prince, neither could any bring him into subjection.

^{||} Or, were
adorned
with love.

^k 2 Kin. 2.
11, 15.

13 ^{||}No word could overcome him; ^mand after his death his body prophesied.

^l 2 Kin. 3.
14.

^{||} Or,
Nothing.
^m 2 Kings
13. 21.

14 He did wonders in his life, and at his death were his works marvellous.

15 For all this the people repented not, neither departed they from their sins, ⁿtill they were spoiled and carried out of their land, and were scattered through all the earth: yet there remained a small people, and a ruler in the house of David:

ⁿ 2 Kin. 18.
11, 12.

16 Of whom some did that which was pleasing to God, and some multiplied sins.

17 ^o Ezekias fortified his city, and ^pbrought in water into the midst thereof: he digged the hard rock with iron, and made wells for waters.

^o 2 Chron.
32. 5.
^p 2 Kin. 20.
20.

18 In his time ^qSennacherib came up, and sent Rabsaces, and lifted up his hand against Sion, and boasted proudly.

^q 2 Kin. 18.
13, 17.
Isai. 36. 1.

19 Then trembled their hearts and hands, and they were in pain, as women in travail.

20 ^r But they called upon the Lord which is merciful, and stretched out their hands toward him: and immediately the Holy One heard them out:

^r 2 Kin. 19.
15, 20.

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|| Or, *hand*.
* 2 Kings
19. 35.
Isai. 37. 36.
Tobit 1. 18.
1 Mac. 7. 41.
2 Mac. 8. 19.
† 2 Kings
18. 3.

u 2 Kings
20. 10, 11.
Isai. 38. 8.

of heaven, and delivered them by the
|| ministry of Esay.

21 *He smote the host of the Assy-
rians, and his angel destroyed them.

22 †For Ezekias had done the thing
that pleased the Lord, and was strong
in the ways of David his father, as
Esay the prophet, who was great and
faithful in his vision, had commanded
him.

23 ^uIn his time the sun went back-
ward, and he lengthened the king's
life.

24 He saw by an excellent spirit what
should come to pass at the last, and he
comforted them that mourned in Sion.

25 He shewed what should come to
pass for ever, and secret things or ever
they came.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 *The praise of Josias, 4 of David and Ezekias, 6 of
Jeremy, 8 of Ezekiel, 11 Zorobabel, 12 Jesus the son of
Josedec, 13 of Neemias, Enoch, Sem, Seth, and Adam.*

a 2 Kings
22. 1.
2 Chr. 34. 1.

THE remembrance of ^aJosias is like
the composition of the perfume
that is made by the art of the apothec-
ary: it is sweet as honey in all mouths,
and as musick at a banquet of wine.

|| Or,
prospered.
b 2 Kings
23. 4, &c.
2 Chron. 34.
3, 33.
c 2 Kings
23. 3, 25.

2 He || behaved himself uprightly in
the conversion of the people, ^band took
away the abominations of iniquity.

3 ^cHe directed his heart unto the
Lord, and in the time of the ungodly
he established the worship of God.

4 All, except David and Ezekias and
Josias, were defective: for they for-
sook the law of the most High, *even*
the kings of Juda failed.

d 2 Chron.
36. 17.
|| Or, *horn*.

5 ^dTherefore he gave their || power
unto others, and their glory to a strange
nation.

e 2 Kings
25. 9.
2 Chron.
36. 19.
|| Or, *by the
hand of Je-
remy*.

6 ^eThey burnt the chosen city of the
sanctuary, and made the streets deso-
late, || ^faccording to the prophecy of
Jeremias.

f Jer. 37. 8.
g Jer. 38. 6.
h Jer. 1. 5,
10.

7 For they ^sentreated him evil, who
nevertheless was a prophet, ^hsanctified
in his mother's womb, that he might
root out, and afflict, and destroy; and
that he might build up also, and plant.

i Ezek. 1. 3,
4, 15.

8 ⁱIt was Ezekiel who saw the glo-
rious vision, which was shewed him
upon the chariot of the cherubims.

k Ezek. 13.
11, & 38. 9,
16, 22.
|| Or,
did good.

9 For he ^kmade mention of the ene-
mies under *the figure of the rain*, and
|| directed them that went right.

10 And of the twelve prophets let
the memorial be blessed, and ^llet their
bones flourish again out of their place:
for they comforted Jacob, and deliver-
ed them by assured hope.

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† ch. 46. 12.

11 How shall we magnify ^mZoroba-
bel? even he was as a signet on the
right hand:

m Ezra 3. 2.
Hag. 2. 23.

12 So was ⁿJesus the son of Josedec:
who in their time builded the house,
and set up an holy temple to the
Lord, which was prepared for ever-
lasting glory.

n Ezra 3. 2.
Hag. 1. 12.
& 2. 2.
Zech. 3. 1.

13 And among the elect was Neemias,
whose renown is great, ^owho raised up
for us the walls that were fallen, and
set up the gates and the bars, and rais-
ed up our ruins again.

o Neh. 7. 1.

14 But upon the earth was no man
created like ^pEnoch; for he was taken
from the earth.

p Gen. 5. 24.
ch. 44. 16.
Heb. 11. 5.

15 Neither was there a man born
like unto ^qJoseph, a governor of his
brethren, a stay of the people, whose
bones were regarded of the Lord.

q Gen. 41. 43.
& 42. 6.
& 45. 8.
& 50. 25.
Ex. 13. 19.

16 ^rSem and Seth were in great ho-
nour among men, and so was Adam
above every living thing in the creation.

r Gen. 5. 3,
32, & 11. 10.

CHAP. L.

1 *Of Simon the son of Onias. 22 How the people were
taught to praise God, and pray. 27 The conclusion.*

SIMON the high priest, the son of
Onias, who in his life repaired the
house again, and in his days fortified
the temple:

2 And by him was built from the
foundation the double height, the high
fortress of the wall about the temple:

3 In his days the ^acistern to receive
water, being in compass as the sea, was
covered with plates of brass:

a 1 Kings 7.
23.

4 He took care of the temple that it
should not fall, and fortified the city
against besieging:

5 How was he honoured in the midst
of the people in his coming out of [†]the
sanctuary!

† Gr. *the
house of the
veil*.

6 He was as the morning star in the
midst of a cloud, and as the moon at
the full:

7 As the sun shining upon the temple
of the most High, and as the rainbow
giving light in the bright clouds:

8 And as the flower of roses in the
spring of the year, as lilies by the ri-
vers of waters, and as the branches of

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the frankincense tree in the time of summer :

9 As fire and incense in the censer, and as a vessel of beaten gold set with all manner of precious stones :

10 And as a fair olive tree budding forth fruit, and as a cypress tree which groweth up to the clouds.

11 When he put on the robe of honour, and was clothed with the perfection of glory, when he went up to the holy altar, he made the garment of holiness honourable.

12 When he took the portions out of the priests' hands, he himself stood by the hearth of the altar, compassed with his brethren round about, as a young cedar in Libanus ; and as palm trees compassed they him round about.

13 So were all the sons of Aaron in their glory, and the oblations of the Lord in their hands, before all the congregation of Israel.

14 And finishing the service at the altar, that he might adorn the offering of the most high Almighty,

^b Deu. 32, 14.
ch. 39. 26.

15 He stretched out his hand to the cup, and poured of ^b the blood of the grape, he poured out at the foot of the altar a sweetsmelling savour unto the most high King of all.

^c Num. 10.
8, 10.

^{||} Or, trumpets beaten forth with the hammer.

16 Then shouted the sons of Aaron, and ^c sounded the ^{||} silver trumpets, and made a great noise to be heard, for a remembrance before the most High.

17 Then all the people together hastened, and fell down to the earth upon their faces to worship their Lord God Almighty, the most High.

18 The singers also sang praises with their voices, with great variety of sounds was there made sweet melody.

19 And the people besought the Lord, the most High, by prayer before him that is merciful, till the solemnity of the Lord was ended, and they had finished his service.

20 Then he went down, and lifted up his hands over the whole congregation of the children of Israel, to give the blessing of the Lord with his lips, and to rejoice in his name.

21 And they bowed themselves down to worship the second time, that they might receive a blessing from the most High.

22 Now therefore ^d bless ye the God of all, which only doeth wondrous things every where, which exalteth our days from the womb, and dealeth with us according to his mercy.

23 He grant us joyfulness of heart, and that peace may be in our days in Israel for ever :

24 That he would confirm his mercy with us, and deliver us at his time !

25 There be two manner of nations which my heart abhorreth, and the third is no nation :

26 They that sit upon the mountain of Samaria, and they that dwell among the Philistines, and that foolish people that dwell in Sichem.

27 Jesus the son of Sirach of Jerusalem hath written in this book the instruction of understanding and knowledge, who out of his heart poured forth wisdom.

28 Blessed is he that shall be exercised in these things ; and he that layeth them up in his heart shall become wise.

29 For if he do them, he shall be strong to all things : for the light of the Lord leadeth him, who giveth wisdom to the godly. Blessed be the Lord for ever. Amen, Amen.

CHAP. LI.

A Prayer of Jesus the son of Sirach.

I WILL thank thee, O Lord and King, and praise thee, O God my Saviour : I do give praise unto thy name :

2 For thou art my defender and helper, and hast preserved my body from destruction, and from the snare of the slanderous tongue, and from the lips that forge lies, and hast been mine helper against mine adversaries :

3 And hast delivered me, according to the multitude of thy mercies and greatness of thy name, from [†] the teeth of them that were ready to devour me, and out of the hands of such as sought after my life, and from the manifold afflictions which I had ;

4 From the choking of fire on every side, and from the midst of the fire which I kindled not ;

5 From the depth of the belly of hell, from an unclean tongue, and from lying words.

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^d Ps. 72. 18.

[†] Gr. the gnashing of the teeth.

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6 By an accusation to the king from an unrighteous tongue my soul drew near even unto death, my life was near to the hell beneath.

7 They compassed me on every side, and there was no man to help me: I looked for the succour of men, but there was none.

8 Then thought I upon thy mercy, O Lord, and upon thy acts of old, how thou deliverest such as wait for thee, and savest them out of the hands of the enemies.

9 Then lifted I up my supplication from the earth, and prayed for deliverance from death.

10 I called upon the Lord, the Father of my Lord, that he would not leave me in the days of my trouble, and in the time of the proud, when there was no help.

11 I will praise thy name continually, and will sing praise with thanksgiving; || and so my prayer was heard:

|| Or, because
my prayer.

12 For thou savedst me from destruction, and deliveredst me from the evil time: therefore will I give thanks, and praise thee, and bless thy name, O Lord.

13 When I was yet young, or ever I || went abroad, I desired wisdom openly in my prayer.

|| Or, went
astray.

14 I prayed for her before the temple, and will seek her out even to the end.

15 Even from the flower till the grape was ripe hath my heart delighted in her: my foot went the right way, from my youth up sought I after her.

16 I bowed down mine ear a little, and received her, and gat much learning.

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17 I profited therein, *therefore* will I ascribe the glory unto him that giveth me wisdom.

18 For I purposed to do after her, and earnestly I followed that which is good; so shall I not be confounded.

19 My soul hath wrestled with her, and in my doings I was exact: I stretched forth my hands to the heaven above, and bewailed my ignorances of her.

20 || I directed my soul unto her, and I found her in pureness: I have had my heart joined with her from the beginning, therefore shall I not be forsaken.

|| Or,
I got under-
standing.

21 My || heart was troubled in seeking her: therefore have I gotten a good possession.

|| Or, bowels.

22 The Lord hath given me a tongue for my reward, and I will praise him therewith.

23 Draw near unto me, ye unlearned, and dwell in the house of learning.

24 Wherefore are ye slow, and what say ye of these things, seeing your souls are very thirsty?

25 I opened my mouth, and said, ^a Buy her for yourselves without money. ^a Isai. 55. 1.

26 Put your neck under the yoke, and let your soul receive instruction: ^b she is hard at hand to find.

^b Deut. 30.

27 ^c Behold with your eyes, how that I have had but little labour, and have gotten unto me much rest.

^c ch. 6. 19.

28 Get learning with a great sum of money, and get much gold by her.

29 Let your soul rejoice in his mercy, and be not ashamed of his praise.

30 Work your work betimes, ^d and in his time he will give you your reward. ^d Rom. 2. 6, 7.

B A R U C H.

CHAP. I.

¹ Baruch wrote a book in Babylon. ⁵ The Jews there wept at the reading of it. ⁷ They send money and the book to the brethren at Jerusalem.

^a Jer. 36. 4. **A**ND these are the words of the book, which ^a Baruch the son of Nerias, the son of Maasias, the son of Sedecias, the son of Asadiah, the son of Chelcias, wrote in Babylon,

² In the fifth year, and in the seventh day of the month, what time as the Chaldeans took Jerusalem, and burnt it with fire.

³ And Baruch did read the words of this book in the hearing of Jechonias the son of ^{||} Joachim king of Juda, and in the ears of all the people that came to hear the book,

⁴ And in the hearing of the nobles, and of the king's sons, and in the hearing of the elders, and of all the people, from the lowest unto the highest, even of all them that dwelt at Babylon by the river Sud.

^{||} Or, and vowed vows. ⁵ Whereupon they wept, fasted, ^{||} and prayed before the Lord.

⁶ They made also a collection of money according to every man's power :

^{||} Or, Joacim. ⁷ And they sent it to Jerusalem unto ^{||} Joachim the high priest, the son of Chelcias, son of Salom, and to the priests, and to all the people which were found with him at Jerusalem,

^b 2 Kin. 24. 13. ² Chr. 36. 10. ⁸ At the same time when he received ^b the vessels of the house of the Lord, that were carried out of the temple, to return them into the land of Juda, the tenth day of *the month* Sivan, *namely*, silver vessels, which Sedecias the son of Josias king of Juda had made,

^{||} Or, prisoners. ⁹ After that Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon had carried away Jechonias, and the princes, and the ^{||} captives, and the mighty men, and the people of the land, from Jerusalem, and brought them unto Babylon.

[†] Gr. corruptly for *mincha*, that is, a meal offering. ^c Ezra 6. 10. Jer. 29. 7. ¹⁰ And they said, Behold, we have sent you money to buy you burnt offerings, and sin offerings, and incense, and prepare ye [†] manna, and offer upon the altar of the Lord our God ;

¹¹ And ^c pray for the life of Nabu-

chodonosor king of Babylon, and for the life of Balthasar his son, that their days may be upon earth as the days of heaven :

¹² And the Lord will give us strength, and lighten our eyes, and we shall live ^d under the shadow of Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon, and under the shadow of Balthasar his son, and we shall serve them many days, and find favour in their sight.

^d Ezek. 31. 6. Dan. 4. 12, 21.

¹³ Pray for us also unto the Lord our God, for we have sinned against the Lord our God ; and unto this day the fury of the Lord and his wrath is not turned from us.

¹⁴ And ye shall read this book which we have sent unto you, to make confession in the house of the Lord, upon the feasts and solemn days.

¹⁵ And ye shall say, ^e To the Lord our God *belongeth* righteousness, but unto us the confusion of faces, as *it is come to pass* this day, unto them of Juda, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

^e Dan. 9. 7. ch. 2. 6. See Neh. 9. 32, &c.

¹⁶ And to our kings, and to our princes, and to our priests, and to our prophets, and to our fathers :

¹⁷ For we have ^f sinned before the Lord, ^f Dan. 9. 5.

¹⁸ And disobeyed him, and have not hearkened unto the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in the commandments that he gave us openly :

¹⁹ Since the day that the Lord brought our forefathers out of the land of Egypt, unto this present day, we have been disobedient unto the Lord our God, and we have been negligent in not hearing his voice.

²⁰ ^g Wherefore the evils cleaved unto us, and the curse, which the Lord appointed by Moses his servant at the time that he brought our fathers out of the land of Egypt, to give us a land that floweth with milk and honey, like as *it is to see* this day.

^g Deu. 28. 15. Dan. 9. 11.

²¹ ^h Nevertheless we have not hearkened unto the voice of the Lord our God, according unto all the words of the prophets, whom he sent unto us :

^h Dan. 9. 10.

²² But every man followed the ima-

gination of his own wicked heart, to serve strange gods, and to do evil in the sight of the Lord our God.

CHAP. II.

The prayer and confession which the Jews at Babylon made, and sent in that book unto the brethren in Jerusalem.

^a Dan. 9. 12, 18. **T**HEREFORE the Lord hath made

good his word, which he pronounced against us, and against our judges that judged Israel, and against our kings, and against our princes, and against the men of Israel and Juda,

² To bring upon us great plagues, such as never happened under the whole heaven, as it came to pass in Jerusalem, according to the things that were written in the law of Moses;

^b Deu. 28. 53. ^c Jer. 25. 38. ^d 4. 10. ³ That a man should ^b eat the flesh of his own son, and the flesh of his own daughter.

^e 2 Kings 24. 2. ^f Jer. 25. 38. ⁴ Moreover he hath delivered them to be in subjection to ^c all the kingdoms that are round about us, to be as ^d a reproach and ^e desolation among all the people round about, where the Lord hath scattered them.

^g ch. 1. 15. ^h Dan. 9. 11, 12. ⁱ Dan. 9. 13, &c. ⁵ Thus we [†] were cast down, and not exalted, because we have sinned against the Lord our God, and have not been obedient unto his voice.

⁶ ^g To the Lord our God *appertaineth* righteousness: but unto us and to our fathers open shame, as *appeareth* this day.

⁷ ^h For all these plagues are come upon us, which the Lord hath pronounced against us.

⁸ ⁱ Yet have we not prayed before the Lord, that we might turn every one from the imaginations of his wicked heart.

⁹ Wherefore the Lord watched over us for evil, and the Lord hath brought it upon us: for the Lord is righteous in all his works which he hath commanded us.

¹⁰ Yet we have not hearkened unto his voice, to walk in the commandments of the Lord, that he hath set before us.

^k Dan. 9. 15. ¹¹ ^k And now, O Lord God of Israel, that hast brought thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and high arm, and with signs, and with wonders, and with great power, and

^l hast gotten thyself a name, as *appeareth* this day: ^l Neh. 9. 10.

¹² O Lord our God, we have sinned, we have done ungodly, we have dealt unrighteously in all thine ordinances.

¹³ ^m Let thy wrath turn from us: for ^m we are but a few left among the heathen, where thou hast scattered us. ⁿ Dan. 9. 16, &c. ⁿ Jer. 42. 2.

¹⁴ Hear our prayers, O Lord, and our petitions, and deliver us for thine own sake, and give us favour in the sight of them which have led us away:

¹⁵ ^o That all the earth may know ^o Is. 37. 20. that thou art the Lord our God, because [†] Israel and his posterity is called by thy name. [†] Gr. thy name is called upon Israel.

¹⁶ O Lord, ^p look down from thine holy house, and consider us: ^r bow down thine ear, O Lord, to hear us. ^p Dan. 9. 19. ^q Deu. 26. 15. ^r Isai. 63. 15. ^r Dan. 9. 18.

¹⁷ Open thine eyes, and behold; ^s for the dead that are in the graves, whose [†] souls are taken from their bodies, will give unto the Lord neither praise nor righteousness: ^s Ps. 6. 5. & 115. 17. ^t Isai. 38. 18, 19. [†] Gr. spirit, or, life.

¹⁸ But the soul that is greatly vexed, which goeth stooping and feeble, and the eyes that fail, and the hungry soul, will give thee praise and righteousness, O Lord.

¹⁹ [†] Therefore we do not make our humble supplication before thee, O Lord our God, for the righteousness of our fathers, and of our kings. [†] Dan. 9. 18.

²⁰ For thou hast sent out thy wrath and indignation upon us, as thou hast spoken by thy servants the prophets, saying,

²¹ ^u Thus saith the Lord, Bow down your shoulders to serve the king of Babylon: so shall ye remain in the land that I gave unto your fathers. ^u Jer. 27. 11.

²² But if ye will not hear the voice of the Lord, to serve the king of Babylon,

²³ ^x I will cause to cease out of the cities of Juda, and from without Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: and the whole land shall be desolate of inhabitants. ^x Jer. 7. 34. & 16. 9. & 25. 10.

²⁴ But we would not hearken unto thy voice, to serve the king of Babylon: therefore hast thou made good ^y the words that thou spakest by thy servants the prophets, namely, that the bones of our kings, and the bones of

our fathers, should be taken out of their places.

^a Jer. 36. 30. 25 And, lo, ^a they are cast out to the heat of the day, and to the frost of the night, and they died in great miseries by famine, by sword, and by pestilence.

26 And the house which is called by thy name hast thou laid waste, as *it is to be seen* this day, for the wickedness of the house of Israel and the house of Juda.

27 O Lord our God, thou hast dealt with us after all thy goodness, and according to all that great mercy of thine,

28 As thou spakest by thy servant Moses in the day when thou didst command him to write thy law before the children of Israel, saying,

^a Lev. 26. 14, &c.
Deut. 28. 15, 62.
+ Gr.
this great mourn.

29 ^a If ye will not hear my voice, surely [†] this very great multitude shall be turned into a small *number* among the nations, where I will scatter them.

^b Lev. 26. 32, &c.
|| Or, *come to themselves.*

30 For I knew that they would not hear me, because it is a stiffnecked people: but ^b in the land of their captivities they shall || remember themselves,

^c Ps. 9. 16.
^d Deu. 30. 6.
Jer. 24. 7.
& 32. 39.

31 ^c And shall know that I am the Lord their God: for ^d I will give them an heart, and ears to hear:

32 And they shall praise me in the land of their captivity, and think upon my name,

+ Gr. *back.*

33 And return from their stiff [†] neck, and from their wicked deeds: for they shall remember the way of their fathers, which sinned before the Lord.

^e Jer. 16. 15.

34 ^e And I will bring them again into the land which I promised with an oath unto their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and they shall be lords of it: and I will increase them, and they shall not be diminished.

^f Jer. 31. 31, &c. & 32. 38, 40.
^g Lam. 4. 22.

35 And ^f I will make an everlasting covenant with them to be their God, and they shall be my people: ^g and I will no more drive my people of Israel out of the land that I have given them.

CHAP. III.

³ The rest of their prayer and confession contained in that book, which Baruch writ, and sent to Jerusalem.
³⁰ Wisdom was shewed first to Jacob, and was seen upon the earth.

O LORD Almighty, God of Israel, the soul in anguish, the troubled spirit, crieth unto thee.

2 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy; for thou art merciful: and have pity

upon us, because we have sinned before thee.

3 For ^a thou endurest for ever, and ^a Ps. 102. 26. we perish utterly.

4 O Lord Almighty, thou God of Israel, hear now the prayers of the dead Israelites, and of their children, which have sinned before thee, and not hearkened unto the voice of thee their God: for the which cause these plagues cleave unto us.

5 Remember not the iniquities of our forefathers: but think upon thy power and thy name now at this time.

6 For thou art the Lord our God, and thee, O Lord, will we praise.

7 And for this cause thou hast put thy fear in our hearts, to the intent that we should call upon thy name, and praise thee in our captivity: for ^b we have ^b Deu. 30. 1. called to mind all the iniquity of our forefathers, that sinned before thee.

8 Behold, we are yet this day in our captivity, where thou hast scattered us, for a reproach and a curse, and to be subject to payments, according to all the iniquities of our fathers, which departed from the Lord our God.

9 Hear, Israel, the commandments of life: give ear to understand wisdom.

10 How happeneth it, Israel, that thou art in thine enemies' land, that thou art waxen old in a strange country, that thou art defiled with the dead,

11 That thou art ^c counted with them ^c Ps. 28. 1. that go down into the grave?

12 Thou hast forsaken the fountain of wisdom.

13 ^d For if thou hadst walked in the ^d Ps. 81. 13, 14. way of God, thou shouldest have dwelled in peace for ever.

14 Learn where is wisdom, where is strength, where is understanding; that thou mayest know also where is length of days, and life, where is the light of the eyes, and peace.

15 ^e Who hath found out her place? ^e Job 28. 12, 20. or who hath come into her treasures?

16 Where are the princes of the heathen become, and such as ruled the beasts upon the earth;

17 They that had their pastime with the fowls of the air, and they that hoarded up silver and gold, wherein men trust, and made no end of their getting?

18 For they that wrought in silver, and were so careful, and whose works are unsearchable,

19 They are vanished and gone down to the grave, and others are come up in their steads.

20 Young men have seen light, and dwelt upon the earth: but the way of knowledge have they not known,

21 Nor understood the paths thereof, nor laid hold of it: their children were far off from that way.

22 It hath not been heard of in ^{f Jer. 49. 7.} Chanaan, ^f neither hath it been seen in Theman.

23 The Agarenes that seek wisdom upon earth, the merchants of Meran and of Theman, the ^{|| Or, expounders.} authors of fables, and searchers out of understanding; none of these have known the way of wisdom, or remember her paths.

24 O Israel, how great is the house of God! and how large is the place of his possession!

25 Great, and hath none end; high, and unmeasurable.

26 There were the giants famous from the beginning, that were of so great stature, and so expert in war.

27 Those did not the Lord choose, neither gave he the way of knowledge unto them:

28 But they were destroyed, because they had no wisdom, and perished through their own foolishness.

^{g Deut. 30. 12, 13. Rom. 10. 6, 7.} 29 ^g Who hath gone up into heaven, and taken her, and brought her down from the clouds?

30 Who hath gone over the sea, and found her, and will bring her for pure gold?

31 No man knoweth her way, nor thinketh of her path.

32 But he that knoweth all things knoweth her, and hath found her out with his understanding: he that prepared the earth for evermore hath filled it with fourfooted beasts:

33 He that sendeth forth light, and it goeth, calleth it *again*, and it obeyeth him with fear.

^{h Ps. 147. 4.} 34 The stars shined in their watches, and rejoiced: when ^h he calleth them, they say, Here we be; and so with cheerfulness they shewed light unto him that made them.

35 This is our God, and there shall none other be accounted of in comparison of him.

36 He hath found out all the way of knowledge, and hath given it unto Jacob his servant, and to Israel his beloved.

37 ^{i Prov. 8. 31. John 1. 14.} Afterward did he shew himself upon earth, and conversed with men.

CHAP. IV.

¹ The book of commandments is that wisdom which was commended in the former chapter. ²⁵ The Jews are moved to patience, and to hope for the deliverance.

THIS is the book of the commandments of God, and the law that endureth for ever: all they that keep it *shall come to life*; but such as leave it shall die.

2 Turn thee, O Jacob, and take hold of it: walk [†] in the presence of the light thereof, that thou mayest be illuminated. [†] *Gr. to the shining before the light thereof.*

3 Give not thine honour to another, nor the things that are profitable unto thee to a strange nation.

4 O Israel, happy are we: for things that are pleasing to God are made known unto us.

5 Be of good cheer, my people, the memorial of Israel.

6 ^{a Isai. 50. 1. & 52. 3.} Ye were sold to the nations, not for [your] destruction: but because ye moved God to wrath, ye were delivered unto the enemies.

7 For ye provoked him that made you by ^b sacrificing unto devils, and not to God. ^{b Deu. 32. 17. 1 Cor. 10. 20.}

8 Ye have forgotten the everlasting God, that brought you up; and ye have grieved Jerusalem, that nursed you.

9 For when she saw the wrath of God coming upon you, she said, Hearken, O ye that dwell about Sion: God hath brought upon me great mourning;

10 For I saw the captivity of my sons and daughters, which the Everlasting brought upon them.

11 With joy did I nourish them; but sent them away with weeping and mourning.

12 Let no man rejoice over me, a widow, and forsaken of many, who for the sins of my children am left desolate; because they departed from the law of God.

13 They knew not his statutes, nor

|| Or, of his discipline in righteousness.

walked in the ways of his commandments, nor trod in the paths || of discipline in his righteousness.

14 Let them that dwell about Sion come, and remember ye the captivity of my sons and daughters, which the Everlasting hath brought upon them.

° Dent. 28. 49, 50.

15 For he hath brought a nation upon them from far, a shameless nation, and of a strange language, who neither revered old man, nor pitied child.

16 These have carried away the dear beloved children of the widow, and left her that was alone desolate without daughters.

17 But what can I help you?

18 For he that brought these plagues upon you will deliver you from the hands of your enemies.

19 Go your way, O my children, go your way: for I am left desolate.

|| Or, prosperity.

20 I have put off the clothing of || peace, and put upon me the sackcloth of my prayer: I will cry unto the Everlasting ||^d in my days.

|| Or, in the time of mine affliction.

^d Ps. 116. 2. & 137. 7.

21 Be of good cheer, O my children, cry unto the Lord, and he shall deliver you from the power and hand of the enemies.

22 For my hope is in the Everlasting, that he will save you; and joy is come unto me from the Holy One, because of the mercy which shall soon come unto you from the Everlasting our Saviour.

23 For I sent you out with mourning and weeping: but God will give you to me again with joy and gladness for ever.

24 Like as now the neighbours of Sion have seen your captivity: so shall they see shortly your salvation from our God, which shall come upon you with great glory, and brightness of the Everlasting.

25 My children, suffer patiently the wrath that is come upon you from God: for thine enemy hath persecuted thee; but shortly thou shalt see his destruction, and shalt tread upon his neck.

|| Or, My darlings.

26 || My delicate ones have gone rough ways, and were taken away as a flock caught of the enemies.

27 Be of good comfort, O my children, and cry unto God: for ye shall

be remembered of him that brought these things upon you.

28 For as it was your mind to go astray from God: so, being returned, seek him ten times more.

29 For he that hath brought these plagues upon you shall bring you everlasting joy again with your salvation.

30 Take a good heart, O Jerusalem: for he that gave thee that name will comfort thee.

31 Miserable are they that afflicted thee, and rejoiced at thy fall.

32 Miserable are the cities which thy children served: miserable is she that received thy sons.

33 For as she rejoiced at thy ruin, and was glad of thy fall: so shall she be grieved for her own desolation.

34 For I will take away the rejoicing of her great multitude, and her pride shall be turned into mourning.

35 For fire shall come upon her from the Everlasting, long to endure; and she shall be inhabited of devils for a great time.

36 ° O Jerusalem, look about thee toward the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. ° ch. 5. 5.

37 Lo, thy sons come, whom thou sentest away, they come gathered together from the east to the west by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

CHAP. V.

1 Jerusalem is moved to rejoice, 5 and to behold their return out of captivity with glory.

PUT off, O Jerusalem, the garment of thy mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever.

2 Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God; and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting.

3 For God will shew thy brightness unto every country under heaven.

4 For thy name shall be called of God for ever The peace of righteousness, and The glory of God's worship.

5 Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and ° look about toward the east, ° ch. 4. 36. and behold thy children gathered from the west unto the east by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God.

6 For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God bringeth them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom.

^b Isai. 40. 4.

7 For God hath appointed that ^b every high hill, and banks of long continuance, should be cast down, and valleys filled up, to make even the ground, that Israel may go safely in the glory of God.

8 Moreover even the woods and every sweetsmelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God.

9 For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him.

THE EPISTLE OF JEREMY.

CHAP. VI.

¹ The cause of the captivity is their sin. ³ The place whereto they were carried is Babylon: the vanity of whose idols and idolatry are set forth at large in this chapter.

A copy of an epistle, which Jeremy sent unto them which were to be led captives into Babylon by the king of the Babylonians, to certify them, as it was commanded him of God.

BECAUSE of the sins which ye have committed before God, ye shall be led away captives into Babylon by Nabuchodonosor king of the Babylonians.

3 So when ye be come unto Babylon, ye shall remain there many years, and for a long season, namely, seven generations: and after that I will bring you away peaceably from thence.

^a Ps. 115. 4. & 135. 15.
^b Isai. 44. 8, 9, 10. & 46. 5, 6, 7.
^c Wisd. 13. 10.
^d 2 Mac. 2. 2.

4 ^a Now shall ye see in Babylon gods of silver, and of gold, and of wood, borne upon shoulders, which cause the nations to fear.

5 Beware therefore that ye in no wise be like to strangers, neither be ye afraid of them, when ye see the multitude before them and behind them, worshipping them.

6 But say ye in your hearts, O Lord, we must worship thee.

7 For mine angel is with you, and I myself caring for your souls.

8 As for their tongue, it is polished by the workman, and they themselves are gilded and laid over with silver; ^b yet are they but false, and cannot speak.

9 And taking gold, as it were for a virgin that loveth to go gay, they make crowns for the heads of their gods.

10 Sometimes also the priests convey from their gods gold and silver, and bestow it upon themselves.

11 Yea, they will give thereof to the common harlots, and deck them as men with garments, [being] gods of silver, and gods of gold, and wood.

^{||} Or, which prostitute themselves openly.

12 Yet cannot these gods save themselves from rust and moths, though they be covered with purple raiment.

13 They wipe their faces because of the dust of the temple, when there is much upon them.

14 And he that cannot put to death one that offendeth him holdeth a sceptre, as though he were a judge of the country.

15 He hath also in his right hand a dagger and an ax: but cannot deliver himself from war and thieves.

16 Whereby they are known not to be gods: therefore fear them not.

17 For like as a vessel that a man useth is nothing worth when it is broken; even so it is with their gods: when they be set up in the temple, their eyes be full of dust through the feet of them that come in.

18 And as the ^{||} doors are made sure on every side upon him that offendeth the king, as being committed to suffer death: even so the priests make fast their temples with doors, with locks, and bars, lest *their gods* be spoiled with robbers.

^{||} Or, courts.

19 They light them candles, yea, more than for themselves, whereof they cannot see one.

20 They are as one of the beams of the temple, yet they say their hearts are [†] gnawed upon by things creeping out of the earth; and when they eat them and their clothes, they feel it not.

[†] Gr. licked.

21 Their faces are blacked through the smoke that cometh out of the temple.

22 Upon their bodies and heads sit bats, swallows, and birds, and the cats also.

23 By this ye may know that they are no gods: therefore fear them not.

24 Notwithstanding the gold that is about them to make them beautiful,

except they wipe off the rust, they will not shine: for neither when they were molten did they feel it.

25 The things wherein there is no breath are bought for || a most high price.

|| Or,
any price.
c Isai. 46. 7.
ver. 4.

26 c They are borne upon shoulders, having no feet, whereby they declare unto men that they be nothing worth.

27 They also that serve them are ashamed: for if they fall to the ground at any time, they cannot rise up again of themselves: neither, if one set them upright, can they move of themselves: neither, if they be bowed down, can they make themselves straight: but they set || gifts before them, as unto dead men.

|| Or,
offerings.

28 As for the things that are sacrificed unto them, their priests sell and || abuse; in like manner their wives lay up part thereof in salt; but unto the poor and impotent they give nothing of it.

|| Or, spend.

29 Menstruous women and women in childbed d eat their sacrifices: by these things ye may know that they are no gods: fear them not.

d Lev. 12. 4.

30 For how can they be called gods? because women set meat before the gods of silver, gold, and wood.

31 And the priests sit in their temples, having their clothes rent, and their heads and beards shaven, and nothing upon their heads.

32 They roar and cry before their gods, as men do at the feast when one is dead.

33 The priests also take off their garments, and clothe their wives and children.

34 Whether it be evil that one doeth unto them, or good, they are not able to recompense it: they can neither set up a king, nor put him down.

35 In like manner, they can neither give riches nor money: though a man make a vow unto them, and keep it not, they will not require it.

36 They can save no man from death, neither deliver the weak from the mighty.

37 They cannot restore a blind man to his sight, nor help any man in his distress.

38 They can shew no mercy to the widow, nor do good to the fatherless.

39 Their gods of wood, and which are overlaid with gold and silver, are like the stones that be hewn out of the mountain: they that worship them shall be confounded.

40 How should a man then think and say that they are gods, when even the Chaldeans themselves dishonour them?

41 Who if they shall see one dumb that cannot speak, they || bring him, and intreat Bel that he may speak, as though he were able to understand.

|| Or, bid
him call
upon Bel.

42 Yet they cannot understand this themselves, and leave them: for they have no || knowledge.

|| Or, sense.

43 The women also with cords about them, sitting in the ways, burn bran for perfume: but if any of them, drawn by some that passeth by, lie with him, she reproacheth her fellow, that she was not thought as worthy as herself, nor her cord broken.

44 Whatsoever is done among them is false: how may it then be thought or said that they are gods?

45 c They are made of carpenters and goldsmiths: they can be nothing else than the workmen will have them to be.

c Isai. 44. 12,
13, &c.

46 And they themselves that made them can never continue long; how should then the things that are made of them be gods?

47 For they left lies and reproaches to them that come after.

48 For when there cometh any war or plague upon them, the priests consult with themselves, where they may be hidden with them.

49 How then cannot men perceive that they be no gods, which can neither save themselves from war, nor from plague?

50 f For seeing they be but of wood, and overlaid with silver and gold, it shall be known hereafter that they are false:

f Ps. 115. 4.
Wisd. 13. 10.

51 And it shall manifestly appear to all nations and kings that they are no gods, but the works of men's hands, and that there is no work of God in them.

52 Who then may not know that they are no gods?

53 For neither can they set up a king in the land, nor give rain unto men.

54 Neither can they judge their own cause, nor redress a wrong, being unable: for they are as crows between heaven and earth.

55 Whereupon when fire falleth upon the house of gods of wood, or laid over with gold or silver, their priests will flee away, and escape; but they themselves shall be burned asunder like beams.

56 Moreover they cannot withstand any king or enemies: how can it then be thought or said that they be gods?

57 Neither are those gods of wood, and laid over with silver or gold, able to escape either from thieves or robbers.

58 Whose gold, and silver, and garments wherewith they are clothed, they that are strong do take, and go away withal: neither are they able to help themselves.

59 Therefore it is better to be a king that sheweth his power, or else a profitable vessel in an house, which the owner shall have use of, than such false gods; or to be a door in an house, to keep such things safe as be therein, than such false gods; or a pillar of wood in a palace, than such false gods.

60 For sun, moon, and stars, being bright, and sent to do their offices, are obedient.

61 In like manner the lightning when it breaketh forth is easy to be seen; and after the same manner the wind bloweth in every country.

62 And when God commandeth the clouds to go over the whole world, they do as they are bidden.

63 And the fire sent from above to consume hills and woods doeth as it is commanded: but these are like unto them neither in shew nor power.

64 Wherefore it is neither to be supposed nor said that they are gods, seeing they are able neither to judge causes, nor to do good unto men.

65 Knowing therefore that they are no gods, fear them not.

66 For they can neither curse nor bless kings:

67 Neither can they shew signs in the heavens among the heathen, nor shine as the sun, nor give light as the moon.

68 The beasts are better than they: for they can get under a covert, and help themselves.

69 It is then by no means manifest unto us that they are gods: therefore fear them not.

70 For as a scarecrow in a garden of cucumbers keepeth nothing: so are their gods of wood, and laid over with silver and gold.

71 And likewise their gods of wood, and laid over with silver and gold, are like to a white thorn in an orchard, that every bird sitteth upon; as also to a dead body, that is cast into the dark.

72 And ye shall know them to be no gods by the bright purple that rotteth upon them: and they themselves afterward shall be eaten, and shall be a reproach in the country.

73 Better therefore is the just man that hath none idols: for he shall be far from reproach.

|| Or, the same wind.

|| Or, purple and brightness.

THE SONG OF THE THREE HOLY CHILDREN,

Which followeth in the third Chapter of DANIEL after this place,—*fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.*—Verse 23. That which followeth is not in the Hebrew, to wit, *And they walked*—unto these words, *Then Nebuchadnezzar*—verse 24.

² Azarias his prayer and confession in the flame, ²⁴ wherewith the Chaldeans about the oven were consumed, but the three children within it were not hurt. ²⁸ The song of the three children in the oven.

AND they walked in the midst of the fire, praising God, and blessing the Lord.

² Then Azarias stood up, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire said,

³ Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: thy name is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore:

^a Dan. 9. 14.

⁴ * For thou art righteous in all the things that thou hast done to us: yea, true are all thy works, thy ways are right, and ^b all thy judgments truth.

^b Ps. 25. 10.

⁵ In all the things that thou hast brought upon us, and upon the holy city of our fathers, *even Jerusalem*, thou hast executed true judgment: for according to truth and judgment didst thou bring all these things upon us because of our sins.

⁶ For we have sinned and committed iniquity, departing from thee.

⁷ In all things have we trespassed, and not obeyed thy commandments, nor kept them, neither done as thou hast commanded us, that it might go well with us.

⁸ Wherefore all that thou hast brought upon us, and every thing that thou hast done to us, thou hast done in true judgment.

⁹ And thou didst deliver us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hateful forsakers of God, and to an unjust king, and the most wicked in all the world.

¹⁰ And now we cannot open our mouths, we are become a shame and reproach to thy servants, and to them that worship thee.

¹¹ Yet deliver us not up wholly, for thy name's sake, neither disannul thou thy covenant:

¹² And cause not thy mercy to depart from us, for thy beloved Abraham's sake, for thy servant Isaac's sake, and for thy holy Israel's sake;

¹³ To whom thou hast spoken and promised, * that thou wouldest multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that lieth upon the seashore.

^c Gen. 22. 17. & 26. 4.

¹⁴ ^d For we, O Lord, are become less than any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins.

^d Bar. 2. 13.

¹⁵ Neither is there at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, or place to sacrifice before thee, and to find mercy:

¹⁶ * Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted.

^e Bar. 2. 18.

¹⁷ Like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks, and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs: * so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day, and *grant* that we may wholly go after thee: for * they shall not be confounded that put their trust in thee.

^f Ps. 51. 17.

^g Ps. 25. 2, 3.

¹⁸ And now we follow thee with all our heart, we fear thee, and seek thy face.

¹⁹ Put us not to shame: but deal with us after thy lovingkindness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies.

²⁰ Deliver us also according to thy marvellous works, and give glory to thy name, O Lord: and let all them that do thy servants hurt be ashamed;

²¹ And let them be confounded || in all their power and might, and let their strength be broken;

|| Or, by thy power and might.

²² And let them know that thou art Lord, the only God, and glorious over the whole world.

²³ And the king's servants, that put them in, ceased not to make the oven

|| Or, *naphtha*, which is a certain kind of fat and chalky clay, *Plin. lib. 2. cap. 105.*

hot with || rosin, pitch, tow, and small wood ;

24 So that the flame streamed forth above the furnace forty and nine cubits.

25 And it passed through, and burned those Chaldeans it found about the furnace.

26 But the angel of the Lord came down into the oven together with Azarias and his fellows, and smote the flame of the fire out of the oven ;

|| Or, *cool.* 27 And made the midst of the furnace as it had been a || moist whistling wind, so that the fire touched them not at all, neither hurt nor troubled them.

28 Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified, and blessed, God in the furnace, saying,

29 Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers : and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

30 And blessed is thy glorious and holy name : and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

31 Blessed art thou in the temple of thine holy glory : and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

32 Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubims : and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

33 Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom : and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

34 Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven : and above all to be praised and glorified for ever.

^h Ps. 103. 22. || Or, *highly exalt* : and so in the rest. 35 ^h O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise and || exalt him above all for ever.

ⁱ Ps. 148. 4. 36 ⁱ O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

^k Ps. 148. 2. 37 ^k O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

^l Ps. 148. 4. 38 ^l O all ye waters that be above the heaven, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

39 O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

^m Ps. 148. 3. 40 ^m O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

ⁿ Ps. 148. 3. 41 ⁿ O ye stars of heaven, bless ye

the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

42 O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

43 ^o O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever. ^o Ps. 148. 8.

44 ^p O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever. ^p Ps. 148. 8.

45 O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

46 O ye dews and storms of snow, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

47 O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

48 O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

49 O ye ice and cold, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

50 O ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

51 O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

52 O let the earth bless the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

53 ^q O ye mountains and little hills, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever. ^q Ps. 148. 9.

54 O all ye things that grow on the earth, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

55 O ye fountains, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

56 O ye seas and rivers, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

57 O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

58 ^r O all ye fowls of the ^r air, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever. ^r Ps. 148. 10. [†] Gr. *heaven.*

59 ^s O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever. ^s Ps. 148. 10.

60 O ye children of men, bless ye the

Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

61 O Israel, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

† Ps. 134. 1.

62 † O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

63 O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

64 O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

‡ Or, saints.

65 O ye ‡ holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

66 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever: for he hath delivered us from ‡ hell, and saved us from ‡ Or, the grave. the hand of death, and delivered us out of the midst of the furnace and burning flame: even out of the midst of the fire hath he delivered us.

67 † O give thanks unto the Lord, ‡ Ps. 136. 1. because he is gracious: for his mercy endureth for ever.

68 O all ye that worship the Lord, bless the God of gods, praise him, and give him thanks: for his mercy endureth for ever.

THE

HISTORY OF SUSANNA,

Set apart from the beginning of *Daniel*, because it is not in the Hebrew, as neither the Narration of † *Bel and the Dragon*.

† Gr. *Bel's Dragon*.

16 *Two judges hide themselves in the garden of Susanna to have their pleasure of her: 28 which when they could not obtain, they accuse and cause her to be condemned for adultery: 46 but Daniel examineth the matter again, and findeth the two judges false.*

THERE dwelt a man in Babylon, called Joacim:

2 And he took a wife, whose name was Susanna, the daughter of Chelcias, a very fair woman, and one that feared the Lord.

3 Her parents also were righteous, and taught their daughter according to the law of Moses.

4 Now Joacim was a great rich man, and had a fair garden joining unto his house: and to him resorted the Jews; because he was more honourable than all others.

5 The same year were appointed two of the ancients of the people to be judges, such as the Lord spake of, that wickedness came from Babylon from ancient judges, who seemed to govern the people.

6 These kept much at Joacim's house: and all that had any suits in law came unto them.

7 Now when the people departed away at noon, Susanna went into her husband's garden to walk.

8 And the two elders saw her going in every day, and walking; so that their lust was inflamed toward her.

9 And they perverted their own mind, and turned away their eyes, that they might not look unto heaven, nor remember just judgments.

10 And albeit they both were wounded with her love, yet durst not one shew another his grief.

11 For they were ashamed to declare their lust, that they desired to have to do with her.

12 Yet they watched diligently from day to day to see her.

13 And the one said to the other, Let us now go home: for it is dinner time.

14 So when they were gone out, they parted the one from the other, and turning back again they came to the same place; and after that they had asked one another the cause, they acknowledged their lust: then appointed they a time both together, when they might find her alone.

15 And it fell out, as they watched a fit time, she went in † as before with † Gr. as yesterday and the day before. two maids only, and she was desirous to wash herself in the garden: for it was hot.

16 And there was no body there save the two elders, that had hid themselves, and watched her.

17 Then she said to her maids, Bring me oil and washing balls, and shut the garden doors, that I may wash me.

18 And they did as she bade them, and shut the garden doors, and went out themselves at || privy doors to fetch the things that she had commanded them: but they saw not the elders, because they were hid.

19 Now when the maids were gone forth, the two elders rose up, and ran unto her, saying,

20 Behold, the garden doors are shut, that no man can see us, and we are in love with thee; therefore consent unto us, and lie with us.

21 If thou wilt not, we will bear witness against thee, that a young man was with thee: and therefore thou didst send away thy maids from thee.

22 Then Susanna sighed, and said, I am straitened on every side: for if I do this thing, it is death unto me: and if I do it not, I cannot escape your hands.

23 It is better for me to fall into your hands, and not do it, than to sin in the sight of the Lord.

24 With that Susanna cried with a loud voice: and the two elders cried out against her.

25 Then ran the one, and opened the garden door.

26 So when the servants of the house heard the cry in the garden, they rushed in at a privy door, to see what was done unto her.

27 But when the elders had declared their matter, the servants were greatly ashamed: for there was never such a report made of Susanna.

28 And it came to pass the next day, when the people were assembled to her husband Joacim, the two elders came also full of mischievous imagination against Susanna to put her to death;

29 And said before the people, Send for Susanna, the daughter of Chelcias, Joacim's wife. And so they sent.

30 So she came with her father and mother, her children, and all her kindred.

31 Now Susanna was a very delicate woman, and beauteous to behold.

32 And these wicked men commanded to uncover her *face*, (for she was covered) that they might be filled with her beauty.

33 Therefore her friends and all that saw her wept.

34 Then the two elders stood up in the midst of the people, and laid their hands upon her head.

35 And she weeping looked up toward heaven: for her heart trusted in the Lord.

36 And the elders said, As we walked in the garden alone, this woman came in with two maids, and shut the garden doors, and sent the maids away.

37 Then a young man, who there was hid, came unto her, and lay with her.

38 Then we that stood in a corner of the garden, seeing this wickedness, ran unto them.

39 And when we saw them together, the man we could not hold: for he was stronger than we, and opened the door, and leaped out.

40 But having taken this woman, we asked who the young man was, but she would not tell us: these things do we testify.

41 Then the assembly believed them, as those that were the elders and judges of the people: so they condemned her to death.

42 Then Susanna cried out with a loud voice, and said, O everlasting God, that knowest the secrets, and knowest all things before they be:

43 Thou knowest that they have borne false witness against me, and, behold, I must die; whereas I never did such things as these men have maliciously invented against me.

44 And the Lord heard her voice.

45 Therefore when she was led to be put to death, the Lord raised up the holy spirit of a young youth, whose name was Daniel:

46 Who cried with a loud voice, * I am clear from the blood of this woman. * Matt. 27. 24.

47 Then all the people turned them toward him, and said, What mean these words that thou hast spoken?

48 So he standing in the midst of them said, Are ye such fools, ye sons of Israel, that without examination or

|| Or, side doors.

knowledge of the truth ye have condemned a daughter of Israel?

49 Return again to the place of judgment: for they have borne false witness against her.

50 Wherefore all the people turned again in haste, and the elders said unto him, Come, sit down among us, and shew it us, seeing God hath given thee the honour of an elder.

51 Then said Daniel unto them, Put these two aside one far from another, and I will examine them.

52 So when they were put asunder one from another, he called one of them, and said unto him, O thou that art waxen old in wickedness, now thy sins which thou hast committed aforetime are come to light:

53 For thou hast pronounced false judgment, and hast condemned the innocent, and hast let the guilty go free; ^{b Ex. 23. 7.} albeit the Lord saith, ^b The innocent and righteous shalt thou not slay.

54 Now then, if thou hast seen her, tell me, Under what tree sawest thou them companying together? Who answered, Under a [†] mastick tree.

[†] Gr. *lentick tree.*

55 And Daniel said, Very well; thou hast lied against thine own head; for even now the angel of God hath received the sentence of God to cut thee in two.

56 So he put him aside, and commanded to bring the other, and said unto him, O thou seed of Chanaan, and

not of Juda, beauty hath deceived thee, and lust hath perverted thine heart.

57 Thus have ye dealt with the daughters of Israel, and they for fear companied with you: but the daughter of Juda would not abide your wickedness.

58 Now therefore tell me, Under what tree didst thou take them companying together? Who answered, Under an ^{||} holm tree.

^{||} Or, *kind of oak.*

59 Then said Daniel unto him, Well; thou hast also lied against thine own head: for the angel of God waiteth with the sword to cut thee in two, that he may destroy you.

60 With that all the assembly cried out with a loud voice, and praised God, who saveth them that trust in him.

61 And they arose against the two elders, for Daniel had convicted them of false witness by their own mouth:

62 And according to the law of Moses ^c they did unto them in such sort as they maliciously intended to do to their neighbour: and they put them to death. Thus the innocent blood was saved the same day.

^c Deu. 19. 12.
Prov. 19. 5.

63 Therefore Chelcias and his wife praised God for their daughter Susanna, with Joacim her husband, and all the kindred, because there was no dishonesty found in her.

64 From that day forth was Daniel had in great reputation in the sight of the people.

THE HISTORY OF THE DESTRUCTION

OF

†BEL AND THE DRAGON,

Cut off from the end of DANIEL.

† Gr. Bel's dragon.

19 The fraud of Bel's priests is discovered by Daniel, 27 and the dragon slain, which was worshipped. 33 Daniel is preserved in the lions' den. 42 The king doth acknowledge the God of Daniel, and casteth his enemies into the same den.

AND king Astyages was gathered to his fathers, and Cyrus of Persia received his kingdom.

|| Or, lived with the king.

2 And Daniel || conversed with the king, and was honoured above all his friends.

3 Now the Babylonians had an idol, called Bel, and there were spent upon him every day twelve great measures of fine flour, and forty sheep, and six vessels of wine.

4 And the king worshipped it, and went daily to adore it: but Daniel worshipped his own God. And the king said unto him, Why dost not thou worship Bel?

5 Who answered and said, Because I may not worship idols made with hands, but the living God, who hath created the heaven and the earth, and hath sovereignty over all flesh.

6 Then said the king unto him, Thinkest thou not that Bel is a living God? seest thou not how much he eateth and drinketh every day?

7 Then Daniel smiled, and said, O king, be not deceived: for this is but clay within, and brass without, and did never ^aeat or drink any thing.

^a Eccles 30. 19.

8 So the king was wroth, and called for his priests, and said unto them, If ye tell me not who this is that devour-eth these expences, ye shall die.

9 But if ye can certify me that Bel devoureth them, then Daniel shall die: for he hath spoken blasphemy against Bel. And Daniel said unto the king, Let it be according to thy word.

10 Now the priests of Bel were three-score and ten, beside their wives and children. And the king went with Daniel into the temple of Bel.

11 So Bel's priests said, Lo, we go

out: but thou, O king, set on the meat, and make ready the wine, and shut the door fast, and seal it with thine own signet;

12 And to morrow when thou comest in, if thou findest not that Bel hath eaten up all, we will suffer death: or else Daniel, that speaketh falsely against us.

13 And they little regarded it: for under the table they had made a privy entrance, whereby they entered in continually, and consumed those things.

14 So when they were gone forth, the king set meats before Bel. Now Daniel had commanded his servants to bring ashes, and those they strewed throughout all the temple in the presence of the king alone: then went they out, and shut the door, and sealed it with the king's signet, and so departed.

15 Now in the night came the priests with their wives and children, as they were wont to do, and did eat and drink up all.

16 In the morning betime the king arose, and Daniel with him.

17 And the king said, Daniel, are the seals whole? And he said, Yea, O king, they be whole.

18 And as soon as he had opened the door, the king looked upon the table, and cried with a loud voice, Great art thou, O Bel, and with thee is no deceit at all.

19 Then laughed Daniel, and held the king that he should not go in, and said, Behold now the pavement, and mark well whose footsteps are these.

20 And the king said, I see the footsteps of men, women, and children. And then the king was angry,

21 And took the priests with their wives and children, who shewed him the privy doors, where they came in, and consumed such things as were upon the table.

22 Therefore the king slew them, and delivered Bel into Daniel's power, who destroyed him and his temple.

|| Some add this title, *Of the dragon.*

23 || And in that same place there was a great dragon, which they of Babylon worshipped.

24 And the king said unto Daniel, Wilt thou also say that this is of brass? lo, he liveth, he eateth and drinketh; thou canst not say that he is no living god: therefore worship him.

25 Then said Daniel unto the king, I will worship the Lord my God: for he is the living God.

26 But give me leave, O king, and I shall slay this dragon without sword or staff. The king said, I give thee leave.

27 Then Daniel took pitch, and fat, and hair, and did seethe them together, and made lumps thereof: this he put in the dragon's mouth, and so the dragon burst in sunder: and Daniel said, || Lo, these are the gods ye worship.

|| Or, *Behold what ye worship.*

28 When they of Babylon heard that, they took great indignation, and conspired against the king, saying, The king is become a Jew, and he hath destroyed Bel, he hath slain the dragon, and put the priests to death.

29 So they came to the king, and said, Deliver us Daniel, or else we will destroy thee and thine house.

30 Now when the king saw that they pressed him sore, being constrained, he delivered Daniel unto them:

^b Dan. 6. 16.

31 Who cast him into the lions' den: where he was six days.

32 And in the den there were seven lions, and they had given them every day || two carcasses, and two sheep:

|| Or, *two slaves.*

which then were not given to them, to the intent they might devour Daniel.

33 Now there was in Jewry a prophet, called Habbacuc, who had || made pottage, and had broken bread in a bowl, and was going into the field, for to bring it to the reapers.

|| Or, *and.*

34 But the angel of the Lord said unto Habbacuc, Go, carry the dinner that thou hast into Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lions' den.

35 And Habbacuc said, Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is.

36 Then the angel of the Lord took him by the crown, and ^c bare him by the hair of his head, and through the vehemency of his spirit set him in Babylon over the den.

^c Ezek. 8. 3.

37 And Habbacuc cried, saying, O Daniel, Daniel, ^d take the dinner which God hath sent thee.

^d 1 Kings 17. 4.

38 And Daniel said, Thou hast remembered me, O God: neither hast thou forsaken them that seek thee and love thee.

39 So Daniel arose, and did eat: and the angel of the Lord set Habbacuc in his own place again immediately.

40 Upon the seventh day the king went to bewail Daniel: and when he came to the den, he looked in, and, behold, Daniel was sitting.

41 Then cried the king with a loud voice, saying, Great art thou, O Lord God of Daniel, and there is none other beside thee.

42 ^e And he drew him out, ^f and cast those that were the cause of his destruction into the den: and they were devoured in a moment before his face.

^e Jer. 37. 17.
^f Dan. 6. 24.

THE
PRAYER OF MANASSES

KING OF JUDAH,

When he was holden captive in Babylon.

Before
CHRIST
cir. 676.

O LORD, Almighty God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed; who hast made heaven and earth, with all the ornament thereof; who hast bound the sea by the word of thy commandment; who hast shut up the deep, and sealed it by thy terrible and glorious name; whom all men fear, and tremble before thy power; for the majesty of thy glory cannot be borne, and thine angry threatening toward sinners is importable: but thy merciful promise is unmeasurable and unsearchable; for thou art the most high Lord, ^a of great compassion, longsuffering, very merciful, and repentest of the evils of men. Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodness hast promised repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against thee: and of thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that they may be saved. Thou therefore, O Lord, that art the God of the just, hast not appointed repentance to the just, as to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, which have not sinned against thee; but thou hast appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner: for I have sinned above the number of the sands of the sea. My transgressions, O Lord,

^a Ps. 86. 15.
Joel 2. 18.

are multiplied: my transgressions are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of heaven for the multitude of mine iniquities. I am bowed down with many iron bands, that I cannot lift up mine head, ^{||} neither have any release: for I have provoked thy wrath, and done evil before thee: I did not thy will, neither kept I thy commandments: I have set up abominations, and have multiplied offences. Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching thee of grace. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities: wherefore, I humbly beseech thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by reserving evil for me; neither condemn me into the lower parts of the earth. For thou art the God, *even* the God of them that repent; and in me thou wilt shew all thy goodness: for thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy. Therefore I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: for all the powers of the heavens do praise thee, and thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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^{||} Or,
*neither take
my breath.*

THE FIRST BOOK

OF THE

M A C C A B E E S.

CHAP. I.

Before
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14 *Antiochus gave leave to set up the fashions of the Gentiles in Jerusalem, 22 and spoiled it, and the temple in it, 57 and set up therein the abomination of desolation, 63 and slew those that did circumcise their children.*

AND it happened, after that Alexander son of Philip, the Macedonian, who came out of the land of Chetthim, had smitten Darius king of the Persians and Medes, that he reigned in his stead, the first over Greece,

2 And made many wars, and won many strong holds, and slew the kings of the earth,

3 And went through to the ends of the earth, and took spoils of many nations, insomuch that the earth was quiet before him; whereupon he was exalted, and his heart was lifted up.

4 And he gathered a mighty strong host, and ruled over countries, and nations, and kings, who became tributaries unto him.

5 And after these things he fell sick, and perceived that he should die.

6 Wherefore he called his servants, such as were honourable, and had been brought up with him from his youth, and parted his kingdom among them, while he was yet alive.

7 So Alexander reigned twelve years, and then died.

8 And his servants bare rule every one in his place.

9 And after his death they all put crowns upon themselves; so did their sons after them many years: and evils were multiplied in the earth.

10 And there came out of them a wicked root, Antiochus surnamed Euphianes, son of Antiochus the king, who had been an hostage at Rome, and he reigned in the hundred and thirty and seventh year of the kingdom of the Greeks.

11 In those days went there out of Israel wicked men, who persuaded many, saying, Let us go and make a covenant with the heathen that are round about us: for since we departed

from them + we have had much sorrow.

12 So this device pleased them well.

13 Then certain of the people were so forward herein, that they went to the king, who gave them licence to do after the ordinances of the heathen:

14 Whereupon they built a place of exercise at Jerusalem according to the customs of the heathen:

15 And made themselves uncircumcised, and forsook the holy covenant, and joined themselves to the heathen, and were sold to do mischief.

16 Now when the kingdom was established before Antiochus, he thought to reign over Egypt, that he might have the dominion of two realms.

17 Wherefore he entered into Egypt with a great multitude, with chariots, and elephants, and horsemen, and a great navy,

18 And made war against Ptolemee king of Egypt: but Ptolemee was afraid of him, and fled; and many were wounded to death.

19 Thus they got the strong cities in the land of Egypt, and he took the spoils thereof.

20 And after that Antiochus had smitten Egypt, he returned again in the hundred forty and third year, and went up against Israel and Jerusalem with a great multitude,

21 And entered proudly into the sanctuary, and took away the golden altar, and the candlestick of light, and all the vessels thereof,

22 And the table of the shewbread, and the pouring vessels, and the vials, and the censers of gold, and the veil, and the crowns, and the golden ornaments that were before the temple, all which he pulled off.

23 He took also the silver and the gold, and the precious vessels: also he took the hidden treasures which he found.

24 And when he had taken all away,

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+ Gr. many evils have found us.

a 2 Mac. 4. 12.

|| Or, set up an open school at Jerusalem.

b 1 Cor. 7. 18.

c 1 Kings 21. 25. 170.

d Dan. 11. 25.

e Dan. 8. 12.

f Dan. 11. 31.

|| Or, he pillaged all things.

+ Gr. desirable.

|| Or, Chetthim.

|| Or, his heart was exalted and lifted up.

|| Or, kingdoms which became, &c.

+ Gr. that he dieth.

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cir. 175.

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he went into his own land, having made a great massacre, and spoken very proudly.

25 Therefore there was great mourning in Israel, in every place where they were;

26 So that the princes and elders mourned, the virgins and young men were made feeble, and the beauty of women was changed.

27 Every bridegroom took up lamentation, and she that sat in the marriage chamber was in heaviness.

28 The land also was moved for the inhabitants thereof, and all the house of Jacob was covered with confusion.

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2 Mac. 5.
24.

29 And after two years fully expired the king sent his chief collector of tribute unto the cities of Juda, who came unto Jerusalem with a great multitude,

30 And spake peaceable words unto them, but *all was* deceit: for when they had given him credence, he fell suddenly upon the city, and smote it very sore, and destroyed much people of Israel.

31 And when he had taken the spoils of the city, he set it on fire, and pulled down the houses and walls thereof on every side.

32 But the women and children took they captive, and possessed the cattle.

33 Then builded they the city of David with a great and strong wall, and with mighty towers, and made it a strong hold for them.

34 And they put therein a sinful nation, wicked men, and fortified *themselves* therein.

35 They stored it also with armour and victuals, and when they had gathered together the spoils of Jerusalem, they laid them up there, and so they became a sore snare:

36 For it was a place to lie in wait against the sanctuary, and an evil adversary to Israel.

37 Thus they shed innocent blood on every side of the sanctuary, and defiled it:

38 Insomuch that the inhabitants of Jerusalem fled because of them: whereupon *the city* was made an habitation of strangers, and became strange to those that were born in her; and her own children left her.

39 Her sanctuary was laid waste like a wilderness, ^hher feasts were turned into mourning, her sabbaths into reproach, her honour into contempt.

40 As had been her glory, so was her dishonour increased, and her excellency was turned into mourning.

41 Moreover king Antiochus wrote to his whole kingdom, that all should be one people,

42 And every one should leave his laws: so all the heathen agreed according to the commandment of the king.

43 Yea, many also of the Israelites consented to his religion, and sacrificed unto idols, and profaned the sabbath.

44 For the king had sent letters by messengers unto Jerusalem and the cities of Juda, that they should follow *the strange laws of the land,*

|| Or, the laws and rites of the strangers of the land.

45 And forbid burnt offerings, and sacrifice, and drink offerings, in the temple; and that they should profane the sabbaths and festival days:

46 And pollute the sanctuary and holy people:

47 Set up altars, and groves, and chapels of idols, and sacrifice swine's flesh, and unclean beasts:

48 That they should also leave their children uncircumcised, and make their souls abominable with all manner of uncleanness and profanation:

49 To the end they might forget the law, and change all the ordinances.

50 And ¹whosoever would not do according to the commandment of the king, *he said,* he should die. ²2 Mac. 6. 9.

51 In the selfsame manner wrote he to his whole kingdom, and ^kappointed overseers over all the people, commanding the cities of Juda to sacrifice, city by city. ²2 Mac. 5. 22.

52 Then many of the people were gathered unto them, to wit, every one that forsook the law; and so they committed evils in the land;

53 *||* And ¹drove the Israelites into secret places, even wheresoever they could flee for succour.

|| Or, And they made Israel hide themselves in holes in every place of succour. cir. 168. 12 Mac. 6. 11. Heb. 11. 38. See ch. 2. 31, 36, 41. m Dan. 11. 31.

54 Now the fifteenth day of *the month* Casleu, in the hundred forty and fifth year, they set up ^mthe abomination of desolation upon the altar, and builded idol altars throughout the cities of Juda on every side;

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55 And burnt incense at the doors of their houses, and in the streets.

56 And when they had rent in pieces the books of the law which they found, they burnt them with fire.

+ Gr. the
king's com-
mandment
put him to
death.

57 And wheresoever was found with any the book of the testament, or if any consented to the law, † the king's commandment was, that they should put him to death.

58 Thus did they by their authority unto the Israelites every month, to as many as were found in the cities.

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59 Now the five and twentieth day of the month they did sacrifice upon the idol altar, which was upon the altar of God.

n 2 Mac. 6.
10.

+ Gr. that
had circum-
cised their
children.

60 At which time according to the commandment ⁿ they put to death certain women, † that had caused their children to be circumcised.

61 And they hanged the infants about their necks, and rifled their houses, and slew them that had circumcised them.

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62 Howbeit many in Israel were fully resolved and confirmed in themselves not to eat any unclean thing.

o 2 Mac. 6.
19. & 7. 1,
&c.

63 Wherefore they ^o chose rather to die, that they might not be defiled with meats, and that they might not profane the holy covenant: so then they died.

64 And there was very great wrath upon Israel.

CHAP. II.

6 Mattathias lamenteth the case of Jerusalem. 24 He slayeth a Jew that did sacrifice to idols in his presence, and the king's messenger also. 34 He and his are assailed upon the sabbath, and make no resistance. 50 He dieth, and instructeth his sons; 66 and maketh their brother Judas Maccabeus general.

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|| Or, Matta-
thias the son
of John, &c.
arose from
Jerusalem,
or, out of
Jerusalem.

* 1 Chr. 24. 7.

|| Or, who
was called;
and so after-
ward in the
rest.

|| Gaddis.

|| Or,
Avaron, or,
Abaron:
See ch. 6. 43.

IN those days || arose Mattathias the son of John, the son of Simeon, a priest of the sons of *Joarib, from Jerusalem, and dwelt in Modin.

2 And he had five sons, Joannan, || called || Caddis:

3 Simon, called Thassi:

4 Judas, who was called Maccabeus:

5 Eleazar, called || Avaran: and Jo-
nathan, whose surname was Apphus.

6 And when he saw the blasphemies that were committed in Juda and Jerusalem,

7 He said, Woe is me! wherefore was I born to see this misery of my people, and of the holy city, and to

dwell there, when it was delivered into the hand of the enemy, and the sanctuary into the hand of strangers?

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8 Her temple is become as a man without glory.

9 ^b Her glorious vessels are carried away into captivity, her infants are slain in the streets, her young men with the sword of the enemy.

^b ch. 1. 23,
24.

10 What nation hath not had a part in her kingdom, and gotten of her spoils?

11 All her ornaments are taken away; of a free woman she is become a bond-slave.

12 And, behold, our || sanctuary, even our beauty and our glory, is laid waste, and the Gentiles have profaned it.

|| Or, holy
thing.

13 To what end therefore shall we live any longer?

14 Then Mattathias and his sons rent their clothes, and put on sackcloth, and mourned very sore.

15 In the mean while the king's officers, such as compelled the people to revolt, came into the city Modin, to make them sacrifice.

16 And when many of Israel came unto them, Mattathias also and his sons came together.

17 Then answered the king's officers, and said to Mattathias on this wise, Thou art a ruler, and an honourable and great man in this city, and strengthened with sons and brethren:

18 Now therefore come thou first, and fulfil the king's commandment, like as all the heathen have done, yea, and the men of Juda also, and such as remain at Jerusalem: so shalt thou and thy house be in the number of the king's friends, and thou and thy children shall be honoured with silver and gold, and many rewards.

19 Then Mattathias answered and spake with a loud voice, Though all the nations that are under the king's dominion obey him, and fall away every one from the religion of their fathers, and give consent to his commandments:

20 ^o Yet will I and my sons and my brethren walk in the covenant of our fathers.

^o Josh. 24.
15.

21 God forbid that we should forsake the law and the ordinances.

22 We will not hearken to the king's

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words, to go from our religion, either on the right hand, or the left.

23 Now when he had left speaking these words, there came one of the Jews in the sight of all to sacrifice on the altar which was at Modin, according to the king's commandment.

24 Which thing when Mattathias saw, he was inflamed with zeal, and his reins trembled, neither could he forbear to shew his anger according to judgment: wherefore he ran, and slew him upon the altar.

25 Also the king's commissioner, who compelled men to sacrifice, he killed at that time, and the altar he pulled down.

^d Num. 25.
7, 8.

26 Thus dealt he zealously for the law of God, like as ^d Phinees did unto Zambri the son of Salom.

27 And Mattathias cried throughout the city with a loud voice, saying, Whosoever is zealous of the law, and maintaineth the covenant, let him follow me.

28 So he and his sons fled into the mountains, and left all that ever they had in the city.

29 Then many that sought after justice and judgment went down into the wilderness, to [†] dwell there:

[†] Gr. sit, or, abide.

30 Both they, and their children, and their wives, and their cattle; because [†] afflictions increased sore upon them.

[†] Gr. evils were multiplied upon them.

^e ch. 1. 33, 34.

31 Now when it was told the king's servants, and ^e the host that was at Jerusalem, in the city of David, that certain men, who had broken the king's commandment, were gone down into ^f the secret places in the wilderness,

^f ch. 1. 53.

32 They pursued after them a great number, and having overtaken them, they camped against them, and made war against them on the sabbath day.

33 And they said unto them, Let that which ye have done hitherto suffice; come forth, and do according to the commandment of the king, and ye shall live.

^g ch. 1. 45.

34 But they said, We will not come forth, neither will we do ^g the king's commandment, to profane the sabbath day.

^h Or, the Jews.

35 So then they gave ^h them the battle with all speed.

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36 Howbeit they answered them not, neither cast they a stone at them, nor stopped the places where they lay hid;

37 But said, Let us die all in our [†] innocency: heaven and earth shall testify for us, that ye put us to death wrongfully.

[†] Gr. simplicity.

38 So they rose up against them in battle on the sabbath, and they slew them, with their wives and children, and their cattle, to the number of a thousand [†] people.

[†] Gr. souls of men.

39 Now when Mattathias and his friends understood hereof, they mourned for them right sore.

40 And one of them said to another, If we all do as our brethren have done, and fight not for our lives and laws against the heathen, they will now quickly root us out of the earth.

41 At that time therefore they decreed, saying, Whosoever shall come to make battle with us on the sabbath day, we will fight against him; neither will we die all, ^h as our brethren that were murdered in the secret places.

^h ver. 38.

42 Then came there unto him a company of Assideans, who were mighty men of Israel, even all such as were voluntarily devoted unto the law.

43 Also all they that fled for persecution joined themselves unto them, and were a stay unto them.

44 So they joined their forces, and smote sinful men in their anger, and wicked men in their wrath: but the rest fled to the heathen for succour.

45 Then Mattathias and his friends went round about, and pulled down the altars:

46 And what children soever they found within the coast of Israel uncircumcised, those they circumcised ^{||} valiantly.

^{||} Or, by force.

47 They pursued also after the proud men, and the work prospered in their hand.

48 So they recovered the law out of the hand of the Gentiles, and out of the hand of kings, neither [†] suffered they the sinner to triumph.

[†] Gr. gave they the horn to the sinner, cir. 166.

49 Now when the time drew near that Mattathias should die, he said unto his sons, Now hath pride and rebuke gotten strength, and the time of destruction, and the wrath of indignation:

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50 Now therefore, my sons, be ye zealous for the law, and give your lives for the covenant of your fathers.

† Gr.
generations.

51 Call to remembrance what acts our fathers did in their † time; so shall ye receive great honour and an everlasting name.

† Gen. 22. 9,
10.
Rom. 4. 3.
Jam. 2. 21,
22, 23.
* Gen. 41. 40.

52 † Was not Abraham found faithful in temptation, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness?

53 * Joseph in the time of his distress kept the commandment, and was made lord of Egypt.

† Num. 25.
13. Eccles.
45. 23, 24.

54 † Phinees our father in being zealous and fervent obtained the covenant of an everlasting priesthood.

m Josh. 1. 2.

55 m Jesus for fulfilling the word was made a judge in Israel.

n Num. 14.
6, 7, 24.
Josh. 14. 9,
13.

56 n Caleb for bearing witness before the congregation received the heritage of the land.

o 2 Sam. 2.
4. & 7. 16.

57 o David for being merciful possessed the throne of an everlasting kingdom.

p 2 Kings
2. 11.

58 p Elias for being zealous and fervent for the law was taken up into heaven.

q Dan. 3. 16,
17, 18, 26.

59 q Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, by believing were saved out of the flame.

r Dan. 6. 22.

60 r Daniel for his innocency was delivered from the mouth of lions.

61 And thus consider ye throughout all ages, that none that put their trust in him shall be overcome.

62 Fear not they the words of a sinful man: for his glory shall be dung and worms.

* Gen. 3. 19.
Ps. 146. 4.

63 To day he shall be lifted up, and to morrow he shall not be found, because he is * returned into his dust, and his thought is come to nothing.

64 Wherefore, ye my sons, be valiant, and shew yourselves men in the behalf of the law; for by it shall ye obtain glory.

65 And, behold, I know that your brother Simon is a man of counsel, give ear unto him alway: he shall be a father unto you.

66 As for Judas Maccabeus, he hath been mighty and strong, even from his youth up: let him be your captain, and † fight the battle of the people.

† Or,
fight ye the
battle of the
people.

67 Take also unto you all those that observe the law, and avenge ye the wrong of your people.

68 Recompense fully the heathen, and take heed to the commandments of the law.

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69 So he blessed them, and was gathered to his fathers.

70 And he died in the hundred forty and sixth year, and his sons buried him in the sepulchres of his fathers at Modin, and all Israel made great lamentation for him.

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CHAP. III.

1 The valour and fame of Judas Maccabeus. 10 He overthroweth the forces of Samaria and Syria. 27 Antiochus sendeth a great power against him. 44 He and his fall to fasting and prayer, 58 and are encouraged.

THEN his son Judas, called Maccabeus, rose up in his stead.

2 And all his brethren helped him, and so did all they that held with his father, and they fought with cheerfulness the battle of Israel.

3 So he gat his people great honour, and put on a breastplate as a giant, and girt his warlike harness about him, and he made battles, protecting the host with his sword.

4 In his acts he was like a lion, and like a lion's whelp roaring for his prey.

5 For he pursued the wicked, and sought them out, and burnt up those that vexed his people.

6 Wherefore the wicked shrunk for fear of him, and all the workers of iniquity were troubled, because salvation prospered in his hand.

7 He grieved also many kings, and made Jacob glad with his acts, and his memorial is blessed for ever.

8 Moreover he went through the cities of Juda, destroying the ungodly out of them, and turning away wrath from Israel:

9 So that he was renowned unto the utmost part of the earth, and he † received unto him such as were ready to perish.

† Gr.
gathered to-
gether.

10 Then Apollonius gathered the Gentiles together, and a great host out of Samaria, to fight against Israel.

11 Which thing when Judas perceived, he went forth to meet him, and so he smote him, and slew him: many also fell down slain, but the rest fled.

12 Wherefore Judas took their spoils, and Apollonius' sword also, and therewith he fought all his life long.

13 Now when Seron, a prince of the

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army of Syria, heard say that Judas had gathered unto him a multitude and company of the faithful to go out with him to war;

14 He said, I will get me a name and honour in the kingdom; for I will go fight with Judas and them that are with him, who despise the king's commandment.

15 So he made him ready to go up, and there went with him a mighty host of the ungodly to help him, and to be avenged of the children of Israel.

16 And when he came near to the going up of Bethhoron, Judas went forth to meet him with a small company:

17 Who, when they saw the host coming to meet them, said unto Judas, How shall we be able, being so few, to fight against so great a multitude *and* so strong, seeing we are ready to faint with fasting all this day?

* 1 Sam. 14. 6.
2 Chr. 14. 11.

18 Unto whom Judas answered, ^a It is no hard matter for many to be shut up in the hands of a few; and with *the God of heaven* it is all one, to deliver with a great multitude, or a small company:

19 For the victory of battle standeth not in the multitude of an host; but strength cometh from heaven.

|| Or,
unto us.
+ Gr. in
multitude
of pride, or,
envy and
iniquity.

20 They come || against us + in much pride and iniquity to destroy us, and our wives and children, and to spoil us:

21 But we fight for our lives and our laws.

22 Wherefore the Lord himself will overthrow them before our face: and as for you, be ye not afraid of them.

23 Now as soon as he had left off speaking, he leapt suddenly upon them, and so Seron and his host was overthrown before him.

+ Gr. in the
going down.

24 And they pursued them + from the going down of Bethhoron unto the plain, where were slain about eight hundred men of them; and the residue fled into the land of the Philistines.

25 Then began the fear of Judas and his brethren, and an exceeding great dread, to fall upon the nations round about them:

26 Insomuch as his fame came unto the king, and all nations talked of the battles of Judas.

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27 Now when king Antiochus heard these things, he was full of indignation: wherefore he sent and gathered together all the forces of his realm, *even* a very strong army.

28 He opened also his treasure, and gave his soldiers pay for a year, commanding them to be ready + whensoever he should need them.

+ Gr. at
every need.

29 Nevertheless, when he saw that the money of his treasures failed, and + that the tributes in the country were small, because of the dissension and plague, which he had brought upon the land || in taking away the laws which had been of old time;

+ Gr. that
the collec-
tors of tri-
bute in the
country
were few.
|| Or, for the
taking away
of the laws.
+ Gr. that
he should
not have.

30 He feared + that he should not be able to bear the charges any longer, nor to have such gifts to give so liberally as he did before: for he had abounded above the kings that were before him.

31 Wherefore, being greatly perplexed in his mind, he determined to go into Persia, there to take the tributes of the countries, and to gather much money.

32 So he left Lysias, a nobleman, and one of the blood royal, to oversee the affairs of the king from the river Euphrates unto the borders of Egypt:

33 And to bring up his son Antiochus, until he came again.

34 Moreover he delivered unto him the half of his forces, and the elephants, and gave him charge of all things that he would have done, as also concerning them that dwelt in Juda and Jerusalem:

35 *To wit*, that he should send an army against them, to destroy and root out the strength of Israel, and the remnant of Jerusalem, and to take away their memorial from that place;

36 And that he should place strangers in all their quarters, and divide their land by lot.

37 So the king took the half of the forces that remained, and departed from Antioch, + his royal city, the hundred forty and seventh year; and having passed the river Euphrates, he went through the high countries.

+ Gr. a city
of his king-
dom.

38 Then Lysias chose Ptolemee the son of Dorymenes, and Nicanor, and Gorgias, mighty men of the king's friends:

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39 And with them he sent forty thousand footmen, and seven thousand horsemen, to go into the land of Judah, and to destroy it, as the king commanded.

40 So they went forth with all their power, and came and pitched by Emmaus in the plain country.

41 And the merchants of the country, hearing the fame of them, took silver and gold very much, with servants, and came into the camp to buy the children of Israel for slaves: a power also of Syria and of the land of the Philistines joined themselves unto them.

|| Or, of
strangers.

42 Now when Judas and his brethren saw that miseries were multiplied, and that the forces did encamp themselves in their borders; for they knew how the king had given commandment to destroy the people, and utterly abolish them;

43 They said one to another, Let us restore the decayed estate of our people, and let us fight for our people and the sanctuary.

44 Then was the congregation gathered together, that they might be ready for battle, and that they might pray, and ask mercy and compassion.

^b ch. 1. 38,
39.

45 Now Jerusalem lay void ^b as a wilderness, there was none of her children that went in or out: the sanctuary also was trodden down, and aliens kept the strong hold; the heathen had their habitation in that place; and joy was taken from Jacob, and the pipe with the harp ceased.

46 Wherefore the Israelites assembled themselves together, and came to Maspha, over against Jerusalem; for ^c in Maspha was the place where they prayed aforetime in Israel.

|| Or,
Mitspa.

^c Judg. 20. 1.
¹ Sam. 7. 5.

47 Then they fasted that day, and put on sackcloth, and cast ashes upon their heads, and rent their clothes,

48 And laid open the book of the law, wherein the heathen had sought to paint the likeness of their images.

|| Or, for the
which the
heathen had
made diligent
search,
that they
might paint
therein the
likeness of
their idols.

^d Num. 6.
2, 13.

49 They brought also the priests' garments, and the firstfruits, and the tithes: and the ^d Nazarites they stirred up, who had accomplished their days.

50 Then cried they with a loud voice toward heaven, saying, What shall we

do with these, and whither shall we carry them away?

51 For thy sanctuary is trodden down and profaned, and thy priests are in heaviness, and brought low.

52 And, lo, the heathen are assembled together against us to destroy us: what things they imagine against us, thou knowest.

53 How shall we be able to stand against them, except thou, O God, be our help?

54 Then sounded they with trumpets, and cried with a loud voice.

55 And after this Judas ordained captains over the people, even captains over thousands, and over hundreds, and over fifties, and over tens.

56 But as for such as ^e were building houses, or had betrothed wives, or were planting vineyards, or ^f were fearful, those he commanded that they should return, every man to his own house, according to the law.

^e Deut. 20.
5, &c.

^f Judg. 7. 3.

57 So the camp removed, and pitched upon the south side of Emmaus.

58 And Judas said, Arm yourselves, and be valiant men, and see that ye be in readiness against the morning, that ye may fight with these nations, that are assembled together against us to destroy us and our sanctuary:

59 For it is better for us to die in battle, than to behold the calamities of our people and our sanctuary.

60 Nevertheless, ^g as the will of God ^h is in heaven, so let him do.

^g 2 Sam. 10.
12.

CHAP. IV.

6 Judas defeateth the plot, 14 and forces of Gorgias, 23 and spoileth their tents, 34 and overthroweth Lysias. 45 He pulleth down the altar which the heathen had profaned, and setteth up a new: 60 and maketh a wall about Zion.

THEN took Gorgias five thousand footmen, and a thousand of the best horsemen, and removed out of the camp by night;

2 To the end he might rush in upon the camp of the Jews, and smite them suddenly. And the men of the fortress were his guides.

3 Now when Judas heard thereof, he himself removed, and the valiant men with him, that he might smite the king's army which was at Emmaus,

4 While as yet the forces were dispersed from the camp.

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5 In the mean season came Gorgias by night into the camp of Judas: and when he found no man there, he sought them in the mountains: for said he, These fellows flee from us.

6 But as soon as it was day, Judas shewed himself in the plain with three thousand men, who nevertheless had neither || armour nor swords to their minds.

7 And they saw the camp of the heathen, that it was strong and well harnessed, and compassed round about with horsemen; and these were expert of war.

8 Then said Judas to the men that were with him, Fear ye not their multitude, neither be ye afraid of their assault.

^a Ex. 14. 30. 9 Remember how ^aour fathers were delivered in the Red sea, when Pharaoh pursued them with an army.

10 Now therefore let us cry unto heaven, if peradventure the Lord will have mercy upon us, and remember the covenant of our fathers, and destroy this host before our face this day:

^b 1 Sam. 17. 46. 11 ^b That so all the heathen may know that there is one who delivereth and saveth Israel.

12 Then the strangers lifted up their eyes, and saw them coming over against them.

13 Wherefore they went out of the camp to battle; but they that were with Judas sounded their trumpets.

14 So they joined battle, and the heathen being discomfited fled into the plain.

⁺ Gr. Assaremoth. 15 Howbeit all the hindmost of them were slain with the sword: for they pursued them unto ⁺Gazera, and unto the plains of Idumea, and Azotus, and Jamnia, so that there were slain of them upon a three thousand men.

16 This done, Judas returned again with his host from pursuing them,

17 And said to the people, Be not greedy of the spoils, inasmuch as there is a battle before us,

18 And Gorgias and his host are here by us in the mountain: but stand ye now against our enemies, and overcome them, and after this ye may boldly take the spoils.

19 As Judas was yet speaking these

words, there appeared a part of them looking out of the mountain:

20 Who when they perceived that the Jews had put their host to flight, and were burning the tents; for the smoke that was seen declared what was done:

21 When therefore they perceived these things, they were sore afraid, and seeing also the host of Judas in the plain ready to fight,

22 They fled every one into the land of strangers.

23 Then Judas returned to spoil the tents, where they got much gold, and silver, and blue silk, and purple of the sea, and great riches.

24 After this they went home, and sung a song of thanksgiving, and praised the Lord in heaven: ^c because || it is good, because his mercy endureth for ever.

^c Ps. 136. 1.
|| Or, he.

25 Thus Israel had a great deliverance that day.

26 Now all the strangers that had escaped came and told Lysias what had happened:

27 Who, when he heard thereof, was confounded and discouraged, because neither such things as he would were done unto Israel, nor such things as the king commanded him were come to pass.

28 The next year therefore following Lysias gathered together threescore thousand choice men *of foot*, and five thousand horsemen, that he might subdue them.

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29 So they came into Idumea, and pitched their tents at Bethsura, and Judas met them with ten thousand men.

30 And when he saw that mighty army, he prayed and said, Blessed art thou, O Saviour of Israel, ^d who didst quell the violence of the mighty man by the hand of thy servant David, and gavest the host of || strangers into the hands of ^e Jonathan the son of Saul, and his armourbearer;

^d 1 Sam. 17. 50, 51.

|| Or, Philistines.
^e 1 Sam. 14. 13, 14.

31 Shut up this army in the hand of thy people Israel, and let them be confounded in their power and horsemen:

32 Make them to be of no courage, and cause the boldness of their strength to ⁺fall away, and let them quake at their destruction:

⁺ Gr. melt.

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33 Cast them down with the sword of them that love thee, and let all those that know thy name praise thee with thanksgiving.

34 So they joined battle; and there were slain of the host of Lysias about five thousand men, even before them were they slain.

35 Now when Lysias saw his army put to flight, and the manliness of Judas' soldiers, and how they were ready either to live or die valiantly, he went into Antiochia, and gathered together a company of strangers, and having made his army greater than it was, he purposed to come again into Judea.

36 Then said Judas and his brethren, Behold, our enemies are discomfited: *|| Or, repair.* let us go up to cleanse and *||* dedicate the sanctuary.

37 Upon this all the host assembled themselves together, and went up into mount Sion.

38 And when they saw the sanctuary desolate, and the altar profaned, and the gates burned up, and shrubs growing in the courts as in a forest, or in one of the mountains, yea, and the priests' chambers pulled down;

39 They rent their clothes, and made great lamentation, and cast ashes upon their heads,

40 And fell down flat to the ground upon their faces, and blew an alarm with the trumpets, and cried toward heaven.

41 Then Judas appointed certain men to fight against ^fthose that were in the fortress, until he had cleansed the sanctuary. *f ch. 1. 34.*

42 So he chose priests of blameless conversation, such as had pleasure in the law:

43 Who cleansed the sanctuary, and bare out the defiled stones into an unclean place.

44 And when as they consulted what to do with the altar of burnt offerings, which was profaned;

45 They thought it best to pull it down, lest it should be a reproach to them, because the heathen had defiled it: wherefore they pulled it down,

46 And laid up the stones in the mountain of the temple in a convenient place, ^suntil there should come *s ch. 9. 27. & 14. 41.*

a prophet to shew what should be done with them.

47 Then they took whole stones ^haccording to the law, and built a new altar according to the former;

48 And made up the sanctuary, and the things that were within the temple, and hallowed the courts.

49 They made also new holy vessels, and into the temple they brought the candlestick, and the altar of burnt offerings, and of incense, and the table.

50 And upon the altar they burned incense, and the lamps that were upon the candlestick they lighted, that they might give light in the temple.

51 Furthermore they set the loaves upon the table, and *||* spread out the veils, and finished all the works which they had begun to make.

52 Now on the five and twentieth day of the ninth month, which *is called* the month Casleu, in the hundred forty and eighth year, they rose up betimes in the morning,

53 And offered sacrifice according to the law upon the new altar of burnt offerings, which they had made.

54 Look, at what time and what day the heathen had profaned it, even in that was it dedicated with songs, and citherns, and harps, and cymbals.

55 Then all the people fell upon their faces, worshipping and praising the God of heaven, who had given them good success.

56 And so they kept the dedication of the altar eight days, and offered burnt offerings with gladness, and sacrificed the sacrifice of *||* deliverance and praise.

57 They decked also the forefront of the temple with crowns of gold, and with shields; and the gates and the chambers they *||* renewed, and *||* hanged doors upon them.

58 Thus was there very great gladness among the people, for that the reproach of the heathen was put away.

59 Moreover Judas and his brethren with the whole congregation of Israel ordained, that the days of the dedication of the altar should be kept in their season from year to year by the space of eight days, from the five and twentieth day of the month Casleu, with mirth and gladness.

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^h Ex. 20. 25.
Deut. 27. 5.
Josh. 8. 31.

*|| Or, spread
abroad the
hangings,
or, hanged
up the veils.*

*|| Or, peace
offerings.*

*|| Or,
dedicated.
|| Or, made
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them.*

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1 ch. 1. 31.

60 At that time also they builded up the mount Sion with high walls and strong towers round about, lest the Gentiles should come and tread it down, 'as they had done before.

61 And they set there a garrison to keep it, and fortified Bethsura to preserve it; that the people might have a defence against Idumea.

CHAP. V.

3 Judas smiteth the children of Esau, Bean, and Ammon. 17 Simon is sent into Galilee. 25 The exploits of Judas in Galaad. 51 He destroyeth Ephron, for denying him to pass through it. 56 Divers, that in Judas' absence would fight with their enemies, are slain.

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NOW when the nations round about heard that the altar was built, and the sanctuary renewed as before, it displeased them very much.

2 Wherefore they thought to destroy the generation of Jacob that was among them, and thereupon they began to slay and destroy the people.

3 Then Judas fought against the children of Esau in Idumea at || Arabat-tine, because they besieged Israel: and he gave them a great overthrow, and abated their courage, and took their spoils.

|| Or, Arabatthane, or, Arabatan, or, Ak-rabatthane.

4 Also he remembered the || injury of the children of || Bean, who had been a snare and an offence unto the people, in that they lay in wait for them in the ways.

|| Or, malice.

|| Or, Hakan, Gen. 36. 27. Num. 33. 31, 32.

5 He shut them up therefore in the towers, and encamped against them, and destroyed them utterly, and burned the towers of that place with fire, and all that were therein.

6 Afterward he passed over to the children of Ammon, where he found a mighty power, and much people, with Timotheus their captain.

7 So he fought many battles with them, till at length they were discomfited before him; and he smote them.

8 And when he had taken Jazar, with the towns belonging thereto, he returned into Judea.

9 Then the heathen that were at Galaad assembled themselves together against the Israelites that were in their quarters, to destroy them; but they fled to the fortress of Dathema,

10 And sent letters unto Judas and his brethren, The heathen that are

round about us are assembled together against us to destroy us:

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11 And they are preparing to come and take the fortress whereunto we are fled, Timotheus being captain of their host.

12 Come now therefore, and deliver us from their hands, for many of us are slain:

13 Yea, all our brethren that were in the places of || Tobie are put to death: their wives and their children also they have carried away captives, and borne away their stuff; and they have destroyed there about a thousand men.

|| Or, Tubin.

14 While these letters were yet reading, behold, there came other messengers from Galilee with their clothes rent, who reported on this wise,

15 And said, They of Ptolemais, and of Tyrus, and Sidon, and all Galilee of the Gentiles, are assembled together against us to consume us.

16 Now when Judas and the people heard these words, there assembled a great congregation together, to consult what they should do for their brethren, that were in trouble, and assaulted of them.

17 Then said Judas unto Simon his brother, Choose thee out men, and go and deliver thy brethren that are in Galilee, for I and Jonathan my brother will go into the country of Galaad.

18 So he left Joseph the son of Zacharias, and Azarias, captains of the people, with the remnant of the host in Judea to keep it.

19 Unto whom he gave commandment, saying, Take ye the charge of this people, and see that ye make not war against the heathen until the time that we come again.

20 Now unto Simon were given three thousand men to go into Galilee, and unto Judas eight thousand men for the country of Galaad.

21 Then went Simon into Galilee, where he fought many battles with the heathen, so that the heathen were discomfited by him.

22 And he pursued them unto the gate of Ptolemais; and there were slain of the heathen about three thousand men, whose spoils he took.

23 And || those that were in Galilee,

|| Or, captives Jews.

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and in Arbattis, with their wives and their children, and all that they had, took he away *with him*, and brought them into Judea with great joy.

24 Judas Maccabeus also and his brother Jonathan went over Jordan, and travelled three days' journey in the wilderness,

25 Where they met with the Nabathites, who came unto them in a peaceable manner, and told them every thing that had happened to their brethren in the land of Galaad:

26 And how that many of them were shut up in || Bosora, and Bosor, and Alema, || Casphor, Maked, and Carnaim; all these cities are strong and great:

27 And that they were shut up in the rest of the cities of the country of Galaad, and that against to morrow || they had appointed to bring their host against the forts, and to take them, and to destroy them all in one day.

28 Hereupon Judas and his host turned suddenly by the way of the wilderness unto || Bosora; and when he had won the city, he slew all the males with the edge of the sword, and took all their spoils, and burned the city with fire.

29 From whence he removed by night, and went till he came to the fortress.

30 And betimes in the morning they + looked up, and, behold, there was an innumerable people bearing ladders and other engines of war, to take the fortress: for || they assaulted them.

31 When Judas therefore saw that the battle was begun, and that the cry of the city went up to heaven, with trumpets, and a great sound,

32 He said unto his host, Fight this day for your brethren.

33 So he went forth behind them in three companies, who sounded their trumpets, and cried with prayer.

34 Then the host of Timotheus, knowing that it was Maccabeus, fled from him: wherefore he smote them with a great slaughter; so that there were killed of them that day about eight thousand men.

35 This done, Judas turned aside to Maspha; and after he had assaulted it, he took it, and slew all the males

therein, and received the spoils thereof, and burnt it with fire.

36 From thence went he, and took * Casphon, Maged, Bosor, and the other cities of the country of Galaad.

37 After these things gathered Timotheus another host, and encamped against Raphon beyond the brook.

38 So Judas sent *men* to espy the host, who brought him word, saying, All the heathen that be round about us are assembled unto them, even a very great host.

39 He hath also hired the Arabians to help them, and they have pitched their tents beyond the brook, ready to come and fight against thee. Upon this Judas went to meet them.

40 Then Timotheus said unto the captains of his host, When Judas and his host come near the brook, if he pass over first unto us, we shall not be able to withstand him; for he will mightily prevail against us:

41 But if he be afraid, and camp beyond the river, we shall go over unto him, and prevail against him.

42 Now when Judas came near the brook, he caused the scribes of the people to remain by the brook: unto whom he gave commandment, saying, Suffer no man to remain in the camp, but let all come to the battle.

43 So he went first over unto them, and all the people after him: then all the heathen, being discomfited before him, cast away their weapons, and fled unto the temple that was at Carnaim.

44 But || they took the city, and burned the temple with all that were therein. Thus was Carnaim subdued, neither could they stand any longer before Judas.

45 Then Judas gathered together all the Israelites that were in the country of Galaad, from the least unto the greatest, even their wives, and their children, and their stuff, a very great host, to the end they might come into the land of Judea.

46 Now when they came unto Ephron, (this was a great city in the way as they should go, very well fortified) they could not turn from it, either on the right hand or the left, but must needs pass through the midst of it.

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* See ver. 26.

|| Or,
Bosorra.
|| Or, Chas-
oor, or, Cas-
phon, as ver.
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|| Or, the
heathen.

|| Or, Bosor.

+ Gr. lift up
their eyes.

|| Or, the hea-
then assaul-
ed the Jews.

|| Judas and
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47 Then they of the city shut them out, and stopped up the gates with stones.

48 Whereupon Judas sent unto them in peaceable manner, saying, Let us pass through your land to go into our own country, and none shall do you any hurt; we will only pass through on foot: howbeit they would not open unto him.

49 Wherefore Judas commanded a proclamation to be made throughout the host, that every man should pitch his tent in the place where he was.

50 So the soldiers pitched, and assaulted the city all that day and all that night, till at the length the city was delivered into his hands:

51 Who then slew all the males with the edge of the sword, and rased the city, and took the spoils thereof, and passed through the city over them that were slain.

52 After this went they over Jordan into the great plain before Bethsan.

53 And Judas gathered together those that || came behind, and || exhorted the people all the way through, till they came into the land of Judea.

54 So they went up to mount Sion with joy and gladness, where they offered || burnt offerings, because not one of them were slain until they had returned in peace.

55 Now what time as Judas and Jonathan were in the land of Galaad, and Simon his brother in Galilee before Ptolemais,

56 Joseph the son of Zacharias, and Azarias, captains of the garrisons, heard of the valiant acts and warlike deeds which they had done.

57 Wherefore they said, Let us also get us a name, and go fight against the heathen that are round about us.

58 So when they had given charge unto the garrison that was with them, they went toward Jamnia.

59 Then came Gorgias and his men out of the city + to fight against them.

60 And so it was, that Joseph and Azarias were put to flight, and pursued unto the borders of Judea: and there were slain that day of the people of Israel about two thousand men.

61 Thus was there a great overthrow

among the children of Israel, because they were not obedient unto Judas and his brethren, but thought to do some valiant act.

62 Moreover these men came not of the seed of those, by whose hand deliverance was given unto Israel.

63 Howbeit the man Judas and his brethren were greatly renowned in the sight of all Israel, and of all the heathen, wheresoever their name was heard of;

64 Insomuch as the people assembled unto them with joyful acclamations.

65 Afterward went Judas forth with his brethren, and fought against the children of Esau in the land toward the south, where he smote Hebron, and the + towns thereof, and pulled down the fortress of it, and burned the towers thereof round about.

66 From thence he removed to go into the land of + the Philistines, and passed through Samaria.

67 At that time certain priests, desirous to shew their valour, were slain in battle, for that they went out to fight unadvisedly.

68 So Judas turned to Azotus in the land of the Philistines, and when he had pulled down their altars, and burned their carved images with fire, and spoiled their cities, he returned into the land of Judea.

CHAP. VI.

8 Antiochus dieth, 12 and confesseth that he is plagued for the wrong done to Jerusalem. 20 Judas besiegeth those in the tower at Jerusalem. 28 They procure Antiochus the younger to come into Judea. 51 He besiegeth Sion, 60 and maketh peace with Israel; 62 yet overthroweth the wall of Sion.

ABOUT that time king Antiochus travelling through the high countries heard say, that Elymais in the country of Persia was a city greatly renowned for riches, silver, and gold;

2 And that there was in it a very rich temple, wherein were || coverings of gold, and breastplates, and || shields, which Alexander, son of Philip, the Macedonian king, who reigned first among the Grecians, had left there.

3 Wherefore he came and sought to take the city, and to spoil it; but he was not able, because they of the city, having had warning thereof,

4 Rose up against him in battle: so

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+ Gr.
daughters.

+ Gr.
strangers.

|| Or, went
hindmost,
Num. 10. 25.
|| Or, com-
forted, or,
encouraged.

|| Or, peace
offerings,
Joseph. An-
tiq. 12. 12.

+ Gr. to
meet them
in battle.

|| Or, shields.

|| Or,
armour.

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he fled, and departed thence with great heaviness, and returned to Babylon.

5 Moreover there came one who brought him tidings into Persia, that the armies, which went against the land of Judea, were put to flight:

6 And that Lysias, who went forth first with a great power, was driven away of the Jews; and that they were made strong by the armour, and power, and store of spoils, which they had gotten of the armies, whom they had destroyed:

^a ch. 1. 54. 7 Also that they had pulled down ^a the abomination, which he had set up upon the altar in Jerusalem, and that they had compassed about the sanctuary with high walls, as before, and his city Bethsura.

8 Now when the king heard these words, he was astonished and sore moved: whereupon he laid him down upon his bed, and fell sick for grief, because it had not befallen him as he looked for.

9 And there he continued many days: for his grief was ever more and more, and he made account that he should die.

10 Wherefore he called for all his friends, and said unto them, The sleep is gone from mine eyes, and my heart faileth for very care.

11 And I thought with myself, Into what tribulation am I come, and how great a flood of misery is it, wherein now I am! for I was bountiful and beloved in my power.

^b ch. 1. 21, &c. ^c ch. 1. 57. 12 But now I remember the evils that I did at Jerusalem, and that ^b I took all the vessels of gold and silver that were therein, and ^c sent to destroy the inhabitants of Judea without a cause.

13 I perceive therefore that for this cause these troubles are come upon me, and, behold, I perish through great grief in a strange land.

14 Then called he for Philip, one of his friends, whom he made ruler over all his realm,

^{||} Or, he should take his son Antiochus to him. 15 And gave him the crown, and his robe, and his signet, to the end ^{||} he should bring up his son Antiochus, and nourish him up for the kingdom.

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16 So king Antiochus died there in the hundred forty and ninth year.

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17 Now when Lysias knew that the king was dead, he set up Antiochus his son, whom he had brought up being young, to reign in his stead, and his name he called Eupator.

18 About this time they that were in the tower shut up the Israelites round about the sanctuary, and sought always their hurt, and the strengthening of the heathen.

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19 Wherefore Judas, purposing to destroy them, called all the people together to besiege them.

20 So they came together, and besieged them in the hundred and fiftieth year, and he made mounts for shot against them, and other engines.

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21 Howbeit certain of them that were besieged got forth, unto whom some ungodly men of Israel joined themselves:

22 And they went unto the king, and said, How long will it be ere thou execute judgment, and avenge our brethren?

23 We have been willing to serve thy father, and to do as he would have us, and to obey his commandments;

24 For which cause they of our nation besiege the tower, and are alienated from us: moreover ^d as many of us as they could light on they slew, and spoiled our inheritance. ^d ch. 5. 22, 44, 51.

25 Neither have they stretched out their hand against us only, but also against all their borders.

26 And, behold, this day are they besieging the tower at Jerusalem, to take it: the sanctuary also and ^e Bethsura have they fortified. ^e ch. 4. 61.

27 Wherefore if thou dost not prevent them quickly, they will do greater things than these, neither shalt thou be able to rule them.

28 Now when the king heard this, he was angry, and gathered together all his friends, and the captains of his army, and those that had charge of the horse.

29 There came also unto him from other kingdoms, and from isles of the sea, bands of hired soldiers.

30 So that the number of his army was an hundred thousand footmen, and twenty thousand horsemen, and two and thirty elephants exercised in battle.

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31 These went through Idumea, and pitched against Bethsura, which they assaulted many days, making engines of war; but they of *Bethsura* came out, and burned them with fire, and fought valiantly.

32 Upon this Judas removed from the tower, and pitched in Bathzacharias, over against the king's camp.

33 Then the king rising very early marched fiercely with his host toward Bathzacharias, where his armies made them ready to battle, and sounded the trumpets.

34 And to the end they might provoke the elephants to fight, they shewed them the blood of grapes and mulberries.

35 Moreover they divided the beasts among the armies, and for every elephant they appointed a thousand men, armed with coats of mail, and with helmets of brass on their heads; and beside this, for every beast were ordained five hundred horsemen of the best.

36 These were ready at every occasion: wheresoever the beast was, and whithersoever the beast went, they went also, neither departed they from him.

37 And upon the beasts were there strong towers of wood, which covered every one of them, and were girt fast unto them with devices: there were also upon every one two and thirty strong men, that fought upon them, beside the Indian that ruled him.

38 As for the remnant of the horsemen, they set them on this side and that side at the two parts of the host, giving them signs what to do, and being harnessed all over amidst the ranks.

39 Now when the sun shone upon the shields of gold and brass, the mountains glistened therewith, and shined like lamps of fire.

40 So part of the king's army being spread upon the high mountains, and part on the valleys below, they marched on safely and in order.

41 Wherefore all that heard the noise of their multitude, and the marching of the company, and the rattling of the harness, were moved: for the army was very great and mighty.

42 Then Judas and his host drew near, and entered into battle, and there were slain of the king's army six hundred men.

43 ¶ Eleazar also, surnamed Sava-^{ch. 2. 5.} ran, perceiving that one of the beasts, armed with royal harness, was higher than all the rest, and supposing that the king was upon him,

44 Put himself in jeopardy, to the end he might deliver his people, and get him a perpetual name:

45 Wherefore he ran upon him courageously through the midst of the battle, slaying on the right hand and on the left, so that they were divided from him on both sides.

¶ Or, so that
he cut them
in pieces.

46 Which done, he crept under the elephant, and thrust him under, and slew him: whereupon the elephant fell down upon him, and there he died.

47 Howbeit the rest of the Jews seeing the strength of the king, and the violence of his forces, turned away from them.

48 ¶ Then the king's army went up to Jerusalem to meet them, and the king pitched his tents against Judea, and against mount Sion.

¶ Or,
in Judea.

49 But with them that were in Bethsura he made peace: for they came out of the city, because they had no victuals there to endure the siege, it being a year of rest to the land.

¶ Add out
of Josephus,
and they
yielded
themselves.

50 So the king took Bethsura, and set a garrison there to keep it.

51 As for the sanctuary, he besieged it many days: and set there artillery with engines and instruments to cast fire and stones, and pieces to cast darts and slings.

¶ Or, made
there mounts
for shot.

52 Whereupon they also made engines against their engines, and held them battle a long season.

¶ Or,
the Jews.

53 Yet at the last, their vessels being without victuals, (for that it was the seventh year, and they in Judea, that were delivered from the Gentiles, had eaten up the residue of the store;)

54 There were but a few left in the sanctuary, because the famine did so prevail against them, that they were fain to disperse themselves, every man to his own place.

55 At that time Lysias heard say, that Philip, whom Antiochus the king,

¶ Or, stir-
ring them
up, and be-
ing compas-
sed with the
ranks, or,
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whiles he lived, had appointed to bring up his son Antiochus, that he might be king,

56 Was returned out of Persia and Media, and the king's host also that went with him, and that he sought to take unto him the ruling of the affairs.

57 Wherefore he went in all haste, and said to the king and the captains of the host and the company, We decay daily, and our victuals are but small, and the place we lay siege unto is strong, and the affairs of the kingdom lie upon us:

† Gr.
give hands.

58 Now therefore let us † be friends with these men, and make peace with them, and with all their nation;

59 And covenant with them, that they shall live after their laws, as they did before: for they are therefore displeased, and have done all these things, because we abolished their laws.

60 So the king and the princes were content: wherefore he sent unto them to make peace; and they accepted thereof.

61 Also the king and the princes made an oath unto them: whereupon they went out of the strong hold.

62 Then the king entered into mount Sion; but when he saw the strength of the place, he brake his oath that he had made, and gave commandment to pull down the wall round about.

63 Afterward departed he in all haste, and returned unto Antiochia, where he found Philip to be master of the city: so he fought against him, and took the city by force.

CHAP. VII.

¹ Antiochus is slain, and Demetrius reigneth in his stead. ⁵ Alcimus would be high priest, and complaineth of Judas to the king. ¹⁶ He slayeth threescore Assideans. ⁴³ Nicanor is slain, and the king's forces are defeated by Judas. ⁴⁹ The day of this victory is kept holy every year.

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^a 2 Mac. 14. 1.

|| Tripolis, Jos. Ant. lib. 12. cap. 16.

† Gr. house of the kingdom of his father.

IN the hundred and one and fiftieth year ^a Demetrius the son of Seleucus departed from Rome, and came up with a few men unto || a city of the sea coast, and reigned there.

2 And as he entered into the † palace of his ancestors, so it was, that his forces had taken Antiochus and Lysias, to bring them unto him.

3 Wherefore, when he knew it, he said, Let me not see their faces.

4 So his host slew them. Now when Demetrius was set upon the throne of his kingdom,

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5 There came unto him all the wicked and ungodly men of Israel, having Alcimus, who was desirous to be high priest, for their captain:

6 And they accused the people to the king, saying, Judas and his brethren have slain all thy friends, and driven us out of our own land.

7 Now therefore send some man whom thou trustest, and let him go and see what havock he hath made among us, and in the king's land, and let him punish them with all them that aid them.

8 Then the king chose Bacchides, a friend of the king, who ruled beyond the flood, and was a great man in the kingdom, and faithful to the king.

9 And him he sent with that wicked Alcimus, whom he made high priest, and commanded that he should take vengeance of the children of Israel.

10 So they departed, and came with a great power into the land of Judea, where they sent messengers to Judas and his brethren with peaceable words deceitfully.

11 But they gave no heed to their words; for they saw that they were come with a great power.

12 Then did there assemble unto Alcimus and Bacchides a company of || scribes, to require justice.

|| Or, officers, governors, chief men, or, men in authority.

13 Now the Assideans were the first among the children of Israel that sought peace of them:

14 For said they, One that is a priest of the seed of Aaron is come with this army, and he will do us no wrong.

15 So he spake unto them peaceably, and sware unto them, saying, We will procure the harm neither of you nor your friends.

16 Whereupon they believed him: howbeit he took of them threescore men, and slew them in one day, according to the words which he wrote,

17 ^b The flesh of thy saints have they cast out, and their blood have they shed round about Jerusalem, and there was none to bury them.

^b Ps. 79. 2, 3.

18 Wherefore the fear and dread of them fell upon all the people, who said,

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† Gr.
Judgment.

There is neither truth nor † righteousness in them; for they have broken the covenant and oath that they made.

19 After this removed Bacchides from Jerusalem, and pitched his tents in Beth-zeth, where he sent and took many of the men that had forsaken him, and certain of the people also, and when he had slain them, ^c *he cast them into the great pit.*

^c Jer. 41. 7.

20 Then committed he the country to Alcimus, and left with him a power to aid him: so Bacchides went to the king.

|| Or,
laboured to
defend his
high priest-
hood.

21 But Alcimus || contended for the high priesthood.

22 And unto him resorted all such as troubled the people, who, after they had gotten the land of Juda into their power, did much hurt in Israel.

23 Now when Judas saw all the mischief that Alcimus and his company had done among the Israelites, even above the heathen,

|| Or, fled
from him to
the enemy.
|| Or, invade
the country.

24 He went out into all the coasts of Judea round about, and took vengeance of them that had || revolted from him, so that they durst no more || go forth into the country.

|| Or, were
grown very
strong.

† Gr. to
abide them.

25 On the other side, when Alcimus saw that Judas and his company || had gotten the upper hand, and knew that he was not able † to abide their force, he went again to the king, and said all the worst of them that he could.

^d 2 Mac. 14.
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26 ^d Then the king sent Nicanor, one of his honourable princes, a man that bare deadly hate unto Israel, with commandment to destroy the people.

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27 So Nicanor came to Jerusalem with a great force; and sent unto Judas and his brethren deceitfully with † friendly words, saying,

† Gr.
peaceable.

28 Let there be no battle between me and you; I will come with a few men, that I may † see you in peace.

† Gr. see
your faces.

29 He came therefore to Judas, and they saluted one another peaceably. Howbeit the enemies were prepared to take away Judas by violence.

30 Which thing after it was known to Judas, *to wit*, that he came unto him with deceit, he was sore afraid of him, and would see his face no more.

31 Nicanor also, when he saw that his counsel was discovered, went out

to † fight against Judas beside || Caparsalama:

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32 Where there were slain of Nicanor's side about five thousand men, and *the rest* fled into the city of David.

† Gr. meet
Judas in
battle.
|| Or, Car-
phasalama.

33 After this went Nicanor up to mount Sion, and there came out of the sanctuary certain of the priests and certain of the elders of the people, to salute him peaceably, and to shew him the burnt sacrifice that was offered for the king.

34 But he mocked them, and laughed at them, and † abused them shamefully, and spake proudly,

† Gr. defiled
them.

35 And sware in his wrath, saying, Unless Judas and his host be now delivered into my hands, if ever I come again † in safety, I will burn up this house: and with that he went out in a great rage.

† Gr.
in peace.

36 Then the priests entered in, and stood before the altar and the temple, weeping, and saying,

37 Thou, O Lord, didst choose this house to be called by thy name, and to be a house of prayer and petition for thy people:

38 Be avenged of this man and his host, and let them fall by the sword: remember their blasphemies, and suffer them not to continue any longer.

39 So Nicanor went out of Jerusalem, and pitched his tents in Bethhoron, where an host out of Syria met him.

40 But Judas pitched in Adasa with three thousand men, and there he prayed, saying,

41 ^e O Lord, when they that were sent from the king of the Assyrians blasphemed, thine angel went out, and smote an hundred fourscore and five thousand of them.

^e 2 Kings
19. 35.
Isai. 37. 36.
Ecclesiastes 48. 21.
2 Mac. 8. 19.
& 15. 22.

42 Even so destroy thou this host before us this day, that the rest may know that he hath spoken blasphemously against thy sanctuary, and judge thou him according to his wickedness.

43 So the thirteenth day of the month Adar the hosts joined battle: but Nicanor's host was discomfited, and he himself was first slain in the battle.

44 Now when Nicanor's host saw that he was slain, they cast away their weapons, and fled.

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|| Or,
the Jews.

45 Then || they pursued after them a day's journey, from Adasa unto Gazera, sounding an alarm after them with their trumpets.

46 Whereupon they came forth out of all the towns of Judea round about, and closed them in; so that they, turning back upon them that pursued them, were all slain with the sword, and not one of them was left.

47 Afterwards they took the spoils, and the prey, and smote off Nicanor's head, and his right hand, which he stretched out so proudly, and brought them away, and hanged them up toward Jerusalem.

48 For this cause the people rejoiced greatly, and they kept that day a day of great gladness.

2 Mac. 13.
36.

49 Moreover ^f they ordained to keep yearly this day, being the thirteenth of Adar.

8 ch. 9. 57.
& 14. 4.

50 Thus ^g the land of Juda was in rest a little while.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Judas is informed of the power and policy of the Romans, 20 and maketh a league with them. 24 The articles of that league.

NOW Judas had heard of the fame of the Romans, that they were mighty and valiant men, and such as would lovingly accept all that joined themselves unto them, and make a league of amity with all that came unto them;

|| Or,
Frenchmen.

2 And that they were men of great valour. It was told him also of their wars and noble acts which they had done among the || Galatians, and how they had conquered them, and brought them under tribute;

3 And what they had done in the country of Spain, for the winning of the mines of the silver and gold which is there;

|| Or, every
place.

4 And that by their policy and patience they had conquered || all the place, though it were very far from them; and the kings also that came against them from the uttermost part of the earth, till they had discomfited them, and given them a great overthrow, so that the rest did give them tribute every year:

5 Beside this, how they had discomfited in battle Philip, and Perseus, king

of the || Citims, with others that lifted up themselves against them, and had overcome them:

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|| Or, Macedonians.

6 How also Antiochus the great king of Asia, that came against them in battle, having an hundred and twenty elephants, with horsemen, and chariots, and a very great army, was discomfited by them;

7 And how they took him alive, and covenanted that he and such as reigned after him should pay a great tribute, and give hostages, and that which was agreed upon,

8 And the country of India, and Media, and Lydia, and of the goodliest countries, which they took of him, and gave to king Eumenes:

9 Moreover how the Grecians had determined to come and destroy them;

10 And that they, having knowledge thereof, sent against them a certain captain, and fighting with them slew many of them, and carried away captives their wives and their children, and spoiled them, and took possession of their lands, and pulled down their strong holds, and brought them to be their servants unto this day:

11 *It was told him* besides, how they destroyed and brought under their dominion all other kingdoms and isles that at any time resisted them;

12 But with their friends and such as relied upon them they kept amity: and that they had conquered kingdoms both far and nigh, insomuch as all that heard of their name were afraid of them:

13 Also that, whom they would help to a kingdom, those reign; and whom again they would, they displace: finally, that they were greatly exalted:

14 Yet for all this none of them wore a crown, or was clothed in purple, to be magnified thereby:

15 Moreover how they had made for themselves a senate house, wherein three hundred and twenty men sat in council daily, consulting alway for the people, to the end they might be well ordered:

16 And that they committed their government to one man every year, who ruled over all their country, and that all were obedient to that one, and

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that there was neither envy nor emulation among them.

17 In consideration of these things, Judas chose Eupolemus the son of John, *the son* of Accos, and Jason the son of Eleazar, and sent them to Rome, to make a league of amity and confederacy with them,

18 *And to intreat them* that they would take the yoke from them; for they saw that the kingdom of the Grecians did oppress Israel with servitude.

19 They went therefore to Rome, which was a very great journey, and came into the senate, where they spake and said,

20 Judas Maccabeus with his brethren, and the people of the Jews, have sent us unto you, to make a confederacy and peace with you, and that we might be registered your confederates and friends.

21 So that matter pleased the Romans well.

22 And this is the copy of the epistle which *the senate* wrote back again in tables of brass, and sent to Jerusalem, that there they might have by them a memorial of peace and confederacy:

23 Good success be to the Romans, and to the people of the Jews, by sea and by land for ever: the sword also and enemy be far from them.

24 If there come first any war upon the Romans or any of their confederates throughout all their dominion,

25 The people of the Jews shall help them, as the time shall be appointed, with all their heart:

26 Neither shall they give any thing unto them that make war upon them, or aid them with victuals, weapons, money, or ships, as it hath seemed good unto the Romans; but they shall keep their covenants without taking any thing therefore.

27 In the same manner also, if war come first upon the nation of the Jews, the Romans shall help them with all their heart, according as the time shall be appointed them:

28 Neither shall victuals be given to them that take part against them, or weapons, or money, or ships, as it hath seemed good to the Romans; but they

shall keep their covenants, and that without deceit.

29 According to these articles did the Romans make a covenant with the people of the Jews.

30 Howbeit if hereafter the one party or the other shall think meet to add or diminish any thing, they may do it at their pleasures, and whatsoever they shall add or take away shall be ratified.

31 And as touching the evils that Demetrius doeth to the Jews, we have written unto him, saying, Wherefore hast thou made thy yoke heavy upon our friends and confederates the Jews?

32 If therefore they complain any more against thee, we will do them justice, and fight with thee by sea and by land.

CHAP. IX.

¹ *Alcimus and Bacchides come again with new forces into Judea. 7 The army of Judas flee from him, 17 and he is slain. 30 Jonathan is in his place, 40 and revengeth his brother John's quarrel. 55 Alcimus is plagued, and dieth. 70 Bacchides maketh peace with Jonathan.*

FURTHERMORE when Demetrius heard that Nicanor and his host were slain in battle, [†] he sent Bacchides and Alcimus into the land of Judea the second time, and with them ^{||} the chief strength of his host:

+ Gr.
he added,
or, proceeded
to send.
|| Or, the
right wing.

2 Who went forth by the way that leadeth to ^{||} Galgala, and pitched their tents before Masaloth, which is in Arbela, and after they had won it, they slew much people.

|| Or,
Galilee.

3 Also the first month of the hundred fifty and second year they encamped before Jerusalem:

4 From whence they removed, and went to ^{||} Berea, with twenty thousand footmen and two thousand horsemen.

|| Or,
Berretho,
Joseph.

5 Now Judas had pitched his tents at Eleasa, and three thousand chosen men with him:

6 Who seeing the multitude of the other army to be so great were sore afraid; whereupon many conveyed themselves out of the host, insomuch as there abode of them no more but eight hundred men.

7 When Judas therefore saw that his host slipt away, and that the battle pressed upon him, he was sore troubled in mind, and much distressed, for that he had no time to gather them together.

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8 Nevertheless unto them that remained he said, Let us arise and go up against our enemies, if peradventure we may be able to fight with them.

9 But they dehorted him, saying, We shall never be able: || let us now rather save our lives, and hereafter we will return with our brethren, and fight against them: for we are but few.

10 Then Judas said, God forbid that I should do this thing, and flee away from them: if our time be come, let us die manfully for our brethren, and † let us not stain our honour.

11 With that the host of *Bacchides* removed out of their tents, and stood over against || them, their horsemen being divided into two troops, and their slingers and archers going before the host, and they that marched in the foreward were all mighty men.

12 As for *Bacchides*, he was in the right wing: so the host drew near on the two parts, and sounded their trumpets.

13 They also of Judas' side, even they sounded their trumpets also, so that the earth shook at the noise of the armies, and the battle continued from morning till night.

14 Now when Judas perceived that *Bacchides* and the strength of his army were on the right side, he took with him all the hardy men,

15 Who discomfited the right wing, and pursued them unto the mount *Azotus*.

16 But when they of the left wing saw that they of the right wing were discomfited, they followed upon Judas and those that were with him hard at the heels from behind:

17 Whereupon there was a sore battle, insomuch as many were slain on both parts.

18 Judas also was killed, and the remnant fled.

19 Then Jonathan and Simon took Judas their brother, and buried him in the sepulchre of his fathers in *Modin*.

20 Moreover they bewailed him, and * ch. 13. 26. all Israel made great lamentation for him, and mourned many days, saying,

21 How is the valiant man fallen, that delivered Israel!

† Gr. let us not leave any just cause behind us, why our glory should be spoken against.
|| Or, the Jews.

22 As for the other things concerning Judas and his wars, and the noble acts which he did, and his greatness, they are not written: for they were very many.

23 ¶ Now after the death of Judas the wicked began to put forth their heads in all the coasts of Israel, and there arose up all such as wrought iniquity.

24 In those days also was there a very great famine, by reason whereof the country revolted, and went with || them.

25 Then *Bacchides* chose the wicked men, and made them lords of the country.

26 And they made enquiry and search for Judas' friends, and brought them unto *Bacchides*, who took vengeance of them, and † used them despitefully.

27 So was there a great affliction in Israel, the like whereof was not since the time ^b that a prophet was not seen among them.

28 For this cause all Judas' friends came together, and said unto Jonathan,

29 Since thy brother Judas died, we have no man like him to go forth against our enemies, and *Bacchides*, and against them of our nation that are adversaries to us.

30 Now therefore we have chosen thee this day to be our prince and captain in his stead, that thou mayest fight our battles.

31 Upon this Jonathan took the governance upon him at that time, and rose up instead of his brother Judas.

32 But when *Bacchides* gat knowledge thereof, he sought for to slay him.

33 Then Jonathan, and Simon his brother, and all that were with him, perceiving that, fled into the wilderness of *Thecoe*, and pitched their tents by the water of the pool *Asphar*.

34 || Which when *Bacchides* understood, he came near to Jordan with all his host upon the sabbath day.

35 Now Jonathan had sent his brother || *John*, a captain of the people, to pray his friends the Nabathites, † that they might leave with them their carriage, which was much.

36 But the children of † *Jambri* came

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|| *Bacchides* and his company.

† Gr. mocked them.

^b ch. 4. 46.

|| Or, Which when *Bacchides* understood, on the sabbath day he came near.

|| *Joseph*. Antiq. lib. 13. cap. 1.
† Gr. that he might leave with them their carriage, or, stuff.

† Gr. *Ambri*.

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out of Medaba, and took John, and all that he had, and went their way with it.

37 After this came word to Jonathan and Simon his brother, that the children of Jambri made a great marriage, and were bringing the bride from Nadabatha with a great train, as being the daughter of one of the great princes of Chanaan.

|| Or,
Medaba.

38 Therefore they remembered John their brother, and went up, and hid themselves under the covert of the mountain:

39 Where they lifted up their eyes, and looked, and, behold, there was much ado and great carriage: and the bridegroom came forth, and his friends and brethren, to meet them with || drums, and || instruments of musick, and many weapons.

|| Or,
timbrels.
|| Or,
musicians.

40 Then Jonathan and they that were with him rose up against them from the place where they lay in ambush, and made a slaughter of them in such sort, as many fell down dead, and the remnant fled into the mountain, and they took all their spoils.

41 Thus was the marriage turned into mourning, and the noise of their melody into lamentation.

42 So when they had avenged fully the blood of their brother, they turned again to the marsh of Jordan.

43 Now when Bacchides heard hereof, he came on the sabbath day unto the banks of Jordan with a great power.

44 Then Jonathan said to his company, Let us go up now and fight for our lives, for it standeth not with us to day, as in time past:

45 For, behold, the battle is before us and behind us, and the water of Jordan on this side and that side, the marsh likewise and wood, neither is there place for us to turn aside.

46 Wherefore cry ye now unto heaven, that ye may be delivered from the hand of your enemies.

47 With that they joined battle, and Jonathan stretched forth his hand to smite Bacchides, but he turned back from him.

48 Then Jonathan and they that were with him leapt into Jordan, and swam over unto the farther bank: how-

beit the other passed not over Jordan unto them.

49 So there were slain of Bacchides' side that day about † a thousand men.

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50 Afterward returned Bacchides to Jerusalem, and || repaired the strong cities in Judea; the fort in Jericho, and Emmaus, and Bethhoron, and Bethel, and Thamnatha, Pharathoni, and || Taphon, *these did he strengthen* with high walls, with gates, and with bars.

† two thousand men,
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|| Or, built.

51 And in them he set a garrison, that they might work malice upon Israel.

52 He fortified also † the city Bethsura, and Gazara, and the tower, and put forces in them, and provision of victuals.

† Gr. the city in Bethsura.

53 Besides, he took the chief men's sons in the country for hostages, and put them into the tower at Jerusalem to be kept.

54 Moreover in the hundred fifty and third year, in the second month, Alcimus commanded that the wall of the inner court of the sanctuary should be pulled down; he pulled down also the works of the prophets.

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55 And as he began to pull down, even at that time was Alcimus plagued, and his enterprizes hindered: for his mouth was stopped, and he was taken with a palsy, so that he could no more speak any thing, nor give order concerning his house.

56 So Alcimus died at that time with great torment.

57 Now when Bacchides saw that Alcimus was dead, he returned to the king: whereupon † the land of Judea was in rest two years.

† ch. 7. 50.

58 Then all the ungodly men held a council, saying, Behold, Jonathan and his company are at ease, and dwell without care: now therefore we will bring Bacchides hither, who shall take them all in one night.

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59 So they went and consulted with him.

60 Then removed he, and came with a great host, and sent letters privily to his adherents in Judea, that they should take Jonathan and those that were with him: howbeit they could not, because their counsel was known unto them.

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61 Wherefore they took of the men of the country, that were authors of that mischief, about fifty persons, and slew them.

62 Afterward Jonathan, and Simon, and they that were with him, got them away to Bethbasi, which is in the wilderness, and they repaired the decays thereof, and made it strong.

63 Which thing when Bacchides knew, he gathered together all his host, and sent word to them that were of Judea.

|| Or, to such of the country as were his friends to take his part.

64 Then went he and laid siege against Bethbasi; and they fought against it a long season, and made engines of war.

65 But Jonathan left his brother Simon in the city, and went forth himself into the country, and with a certain number went he forth.

|| Or, Odomarra.

66 And he smote Odonarkes and his brethren, and the children of Phasiron in their tent.

67 And when he began to smite them, and came up with his forces, Simon and his company went out of the city, and burned up the engines of war,

68 And fought against Bacchides, who was discomfited by them, and they afflicted him sore: for his counsel and travail was in vain.

69 Wherefore he was very wroth at the wicked men that gave him counsel to come into the country, insomuch as he slew many of them, and purposed to return into his own country.

70 Whereof when Jonathan had knowledge, he sent ambassadors unto him, to the end he should make peace with him, and deliver them the prisoners.

71 Which thing he accepted, and did according to his demands, and swore unto him that he would never do him harm all the days of his life.

72 When therefore he had restored unto him the prisoners that he had taken aforetime out of the land of Judea, he returned and went his way into his own land, neither came he any more into their borders.

+ Gr. added he to come any more.

73 Thus the sword ceased from Israel: but Jonathan dwelt at Machmas, and began to govern the people; and he destroyed the ungodly men out of Israel.

+ Gr. judge.

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1 Demetrius maketh large offers to have peace with Jonathan. 25 His letters to the Jews. 47 Jonathan maketh peace with Alexander, 50 who killeth Demetrius, 58 and marrieth the daughter of Ptolemeus. 62 Jonathan is sent for by him, and much honoured, 75 and prevaleth against the forces of Demetrius the younger, 84 and burneth the temple of Dagon.

IN the hundred and sixtieth year Alexander, the son of Antiochus surnamed Epiphanes, went up and took Ptolemais: for the people had received him, by means whereof he reigned there.

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|| Joseph, the son of Antiochus Epiphanes.

2 Now when king Demetrius heard thereof, he gathered together an exceeding great host, and went forth against him to fight.

3 Moreover Demetrius sent letters unto Jonathan with loving words, so as he magnified him.

4 For said he, Let us first make peace with him, before he join with Alexander against us:

5 Else he will remember all the evils that we have done against him, and against his brethren and his people.

6 Wherefore he gave him authority to gather together an host, and to provide weapons, that he might aid him in battle: he commanded also that the hostages that were in the tower should be delivered him.

7 Then came Jonathan to Jerusalem, and read the letters in the audience of all the people, and of them that were in the tower:

8 Who were sore afraid, when they heard that the king had given him authority to gather together an host.

9 Whereupon they of the tower delivered their hostages unto Jonathan, and he delivered them unto their parents.

10 This done, Jonathan settled himself in Jerusalem, and began to build and repair the city.

11 And he commanded the workmen to build the walls and the mount Sion round about with square stones for fortification; and they did so.

12 Then the strangers, that were in the fortresses which Bacchides had built, fled away;

13 Insomuch as every man left his place, and went into his own country.

14 Only at Bethsura certain of those that had forsaken the law and the com-

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mandments remained still: for it was their place of refuge.

15 Now when king Alexander had heard what promises Demetrius had sent unto Jonathan: when also it was told him of the battles and noble acts which he and his brethren had done, and of the pains that they had endured,

16 He said, Shall we find such another man? now therefore we will make him our friend and confederate.

17 Upon this he wrote a letter, and sent it unto him, according to these words, saying,

18 King Alexander to his brother Jonathan sendeth greeting:

19 We have heard of thee, that thou art a man of great power, and meet to be our friend.

20 Wherefore now this day we ordain thee to be the high priest of thy nation, and to be called the king's friend; (and therewithal he sent him a purple robe and a crown of gold:) and *require thee* to take our part, and keep friendship with us.

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21 So in the seventh month of the hundred and sixtieth year, at the feast of the tabernacles, Jonathan put on the holy robe, and gathered together forces, and provided much armour.

22 Whereof when Demetrius heard, he was very sorry, and said,

23 What have we done, that Alexander hath prevented us in making amity with the Jews to strengthen himself?

24 I also will write unto them words of encouragement, and *promise them* dignities and gifts, that I may have their aid.

25 He sent unto them therefore to this effect: King Demetrius unto the people of the Jews sendeth greeting:

26 Whereas ye have kept covenants with us, and continued in our friendship, not joining yourselves with our enemies, we have heard hereof, and are glad.

27 Wherefore now continue ye still to be faithful unto us, and we will well recompense you for the things ye do in our behalf,

28 And will grant you many immunities, and give you rewards.

29 And now do I free you, and for

your sake I release all the Jews, from tributes, and from the customs of salt, and from crown taxes,

30 And from that which appertaineth unto me to receive for the third part of the seed, and the half of the fruit of the trees, I release it from this day forth, so that they shall not be taken of the land of Judea, nor of the three governments which are added thereunto out of the country of Samaria and Galilee, from this day forth for evermore.

31 Let Jerusalem also be holy and free, with the borders thereof, both from tenths and tributes.

32 And as for the tower which is at Jerusalem, I yield up my authority over it, and give it to the high priest, that he may set in it such men as he shall choose to keep it.

33 Moreover I freely set at liberty every one of the Jews, that were carried captives out of the land of Judea into any part of my kingdom, and *I will* that all my officers remit the tributes even of their cattle.

34 Furthermore *I will* that all the feasts, and sabbaths, and new moons, and solemn days, and the three days before the feast, and the three days after the feast, shall be all days of immunity and freedom for all the Jews in my realm.

35 Also no man shall have authority to meddle *with them*, or to molest any of them in any matter.

36 *I will* further, that there be enrolled among the king's forces about thirty thousand men of the Jews, unto whom pay shall be given, as belongeth to all the king's forces.

37 And of them *some* shall be placed in the king's strong holds, of whom also *some* shall be set over the affairs of the kingdom, which are of trust: and *I will* that their overseers and governors be of themselves, and that they ⁺ live after ^{+ Gr. walk.} their own laws, even as the king hath commanded in the land of Judea.

38 And concerning the three governments that are added to Judea from the country of Samaria, let them be joined with Judea, that they may be reckoned to be under one, nor bound to obey other authority than the high priest's.

39 As for Ptolemais, and the land

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pertaining thereto, I give it as a free gift to the sanctuary at Jerusalem for the necessary expences || of the sanctuary.

40 Moreover I give every year fifteen thousand shekels of silver out of the king's accounts from the places appertaining.

41 And all the overplus, which the officers payed not in as in former time, from henceforth shall be given toward the works of the temple.

42 And beside this, the five thousand shekels of silver, which they took from the uses of the temple out of the accounts year by year, even those things shall be released, because they appertain to the priests that minister.

43 And whosoever they be that flee unto the temple at Jerusalem, or be within the liberties thereof, being indebted unto the king, or for any other matter, let them be at liberty, and all that they have in my realm.

44 For the building also and repairing of the works of the sanctuary expences shall be given of the king's accounts.

45 Yea, and for the building of the walls of Jerusalem, and the fortifying thereof round about, expences shall be given out of the king's accounts, as also for the building of the walls in Judea.

46 Now when Jonathan and the people heard these words, they gave no credit unto them, nor received them, because they remembered the great evil that he had done in Israel; for he had afflicted them very sore.

47 But with Alexander they were well pleased, because he was the first that entreated of true peace with them, and they were confederate with him always.

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48 Then gathered king Alexander great forces, and camped over against Demetrius.

49 And after the two kings had joined battle, Demetrius' host fled: but Alexander followed after him, and prevailed against them.

50 And he continued the battle very sore until the sun went down: and that day was Demetrius slain.

51 Afterward Alexander sent ambassadors to Ptolemee king of Egypt with a message to this effect:

52 Forasmuch as I am come again to my realm, and am set in the throne of my progenitors, and have gotten the dominion, and overthrown Demetrius, and recovered our country;

53 For after I had joined battle with him, both he and his host was discomfited by us, so that we sit in the throne of his kingdom:

54 Now therefore let us make a league of amity together, and give me now thy daughter to wife: and I will be thy son in law, and will give both thee and her gifts according to thy dignity.

55 Then Ptolemee the king gave answer, saying, Happy be the day wherein thou didst return into the land of thy fathers, and satest in the throne of their kingdom.

56 And now will I do to thee, as thou hast written: meet me therefore at Ptolemais, that we may see one another; for I will marry my daughter to thee according to thy desire.

57 So Ptolemee went out of Egypt with his daughter Cleopatra, and they came unto Ptolemais in the hundred threescore and second year:

58 Where king Alexander meeting him, he gave unto him his daughter Cleopatra, and celebrated her marriage at Ptolemais with great glory, as the manner of kings is.

59 Now king Alexander had written unto Jonathan, that he should come and meet him.

60 Who thereupon went honourably to Ptolemais, where he met the two kings, and gave them and their friends silver and gold, and many presents, and found favour in their sight.

61 At that time certain pestilent fellows of Israel, men of a wicked life, assembled themselves against him, to accuse him: but the king would not hear them.

62 Yea more than that, the king commanded to take off his garments, and clothe him in purple: and they did so.

63 Also he made him sit by himself, and said unto his princes, Go with him into the midst of the city, and make proclamation, that no man complain against him of any matter, and that no man trouble him for any manner of cause.

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64 Now when his accusers saw that he was honoured according to the proclamation, and clothed in purple, they fled all away.

65 So the king honoured him, and wrote him among his chief friends, and made him a duke, and || partaker of his dominion.

|| Or, governor of a province.

66 Afterward Jonathan returned to Jerusalem with peace and gladness.

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67 Furthermore in the hundred three-score and fifth year came Demetrius son of Demetrius out of Crete into the land of his fathers :

68 Whereof when king Alexander heard tell, he was right sorry, and returned into Antioch.

69 Then Demetrius made Apollonius the governor of Celosyria his general, who gathered together a great host, and camped in Jamnia, and sent unto Jonathan the high priest, saying,

70 Thou alone liftest up thyself against us, and I am laughed to scorn for thy sake, and reproached : and why dost thou vaunt thy power against us in the mountains ?

71 Now therefore, if thou trustest in thine own strength, come down to us into the plain field, and there let us try the matter together : for with me is the power of the cities.

72 Ask and learn who I am, and the rest that take our part, and they shall tell thee that thy foot is not able to stand before our face ; for thy fathers have been twice put to flight in their own land.

73 Wherefore now thou shalt not be able to abide the horsemen and so great a power in the plain, where is neither stone nor flint, nor place to flee unto.

74 So when Jonathan heard these words of Apollonius, he was moved in his mind, and choosing ten thousand men he went out of Jerusalem, where Simon his brother met him for to help him.

75 And he pitched his tents against Joppe : but they of Joppe shut him out of the city, because Apollonius had a garrison there.

76 Then Jonathan laid siege unto it : whereupon they of the city let him in for fear : and so Jonathan won Joppe.

77 Whereof when Apollonius heard, he took three thousand horsemen, with

a great host of footmen, and went to Azotus || as one that journeyed, and therewithal || drew him forth into the plain, because he had a great number of horsemen, in whom he put his trust.

78 Then Jonathan followed after him to Azotus, where the armies joined battle.

79 Now Apollonius had left a thousand horsemen in ambush.

80 And Jonathan knew that there was an ambushment behind him ; for they had compassed in his host, and cast darts at the people, from morning till evening.

81 But the people stood still, as Jonathan had commanded them : and so the || enemies' horses were tired.

82 Then brought Simon forth his host, and set them against the footmen, (for the horsemen were spent,) who were discomfited by him, and fled.

83 The horsemen also, being scattered in the field, fled to Azotus, and went into Beth-dagon, their idol's temple, for safety.

84 But Jonathan set fire on Azotus, and the cities round about it, and took their spoils ; and the temple of Dagon, with them that were fled into it, he burned with fire.

85 Thus there were burned and slain with the sword well nigh eight thousand men.

86 And from thence Jonathan removed his host, and camped against Ascalon, where the men of the city came forth, and met him with great pomp.

87 After this returned Jonathan and his host unto Jerusalem, having many spoils.

88 Now when king Alexander heard these things, he honoured Jonathan yet more,

89 And sent him a buckle of gold, as the use is to be given to such as are of the king's blood : he gave him also Accaron with the borders thereof in possession.

CHAP. XI.

12 Ptoleus taketh away his daughter from Alexander, and entereth upon his kingdom. 17 Alexander is slain, and Ptoleus dieth within three days. 20 Jonathan besiegeth the tower at Jerusalem. 26 The Jews and he are much honoured by Demetrius, 48 who is rescued by the Jews from his own subjects in Antioch. 57 Antiochus the younger honoureth Jonathan. 61 His exploits in divers places.

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|| Or, as though he would pass through it.
|| Or, led his company.

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AND the king of Egypt gathered together a great host, like the sand that lieth upon the sea shore, and many ships, and went about through deceit to get Alexander's kingdom, and join it to his own.

2 Whereupon he took his journey into Syria in peaceable manner, so as they of the cities opened unto him, and met him: for king Alexander had commanded them so to do, because he was his father in law.

3 Now as Ptolemee entered into the cities, he set in every one of them a garrison of soldiers to keep it.

4 And when he came near to Azotus, they shewed him the temple of Dagon that was burnt, and Azotus and the suburbs thereof that were destroyed, and the bodies that were cast abroad, and them that he had burnt in the battle; for they had made heaps of them by the way where he should pass.

5 Also they told the king whatsoever Jonathan had done, to the intent he might blame him: but the king held his peace.

6 Then Jonathan met the king with great pomp at Joppe, where they saluted one another, and † lodged.

7 Afterward Jonathan, when he had gone with the king to the river called Eleutherus, returned again to Jerusalem.

8 King Ptolemee therefore, having gotten the dominion of the cities by the sea unto Seleucia upon the sea coast, imagined wicked counsels against Alexander.

9 Whereupon he sent ambassadors unto king Demetrius, saying, Come, let us make a league betwixt us, and I will give thee my daughter whom Alexander hath, and thou shalt reign in thy father's kingdom:

10 For I repent that I gave my daughter unto him, for he sought to slay me.

11 Thus did he slander him, because he was desirous of his kingdom.

12 Wherefore he took his daughter from him, and gave her to Demetrius, and forsook Alexander, so that their hatred was openly known.

13 Then Ptolemee entered into Antioch, where he set two crowns upon his head, the crown of Asia, and of Egypt.

14 In the mean season was king Alexander in Cilicia, because those that dwelt in those parts had revolted from him.

15 But when Alexander heard of this, he came to war against him: whereupon king Ptolemee brought forth his host, and met him with a mighty power, and put him to flight.

16 So Alexander fled into Arabia, there to be defended; but king Ptolemee was exalted:

17 For Zabdiel the Arabian took off Alexander's head, and sent it unto Ptolemee.

18 King Ptolemee also died the third day after, † and they that were in the strong holds were slain one of another.

19 By this means Demetrius reigned in the hundred threescore and seventh year.

20 At the same time Jonathan gathered together them that were in Judea, to take the tower that was in Jerusalem: and he made many engines of war against it.

21 Then certain ungodly persons, who hated their own people, went unto the king, and told him that Jonathan besieged the tower.

22 Whereof when he heard, he was angry, and immediately removing, he came to Ptolemais, and wrote unto Jonathan, that he should not lay siege to the tower, but come and speak with him at Ptolemais in great haste.

23 Nevertheless Jonathan, when he heard this, commanded to bes' ge it still: and he chose certain of the elders of Israel and the priests, and put himself in peril;

24 And took silver and gold, and raiment, and divers presents besides, and went to Ptolemais unto the king, where he found favour in his sight.

25 And ^a though certain ungodly men of the people had made complaints against him,

26 Yet the king entreated him as his predecessors had done before, and promoted him in the sight of all his friends,

27 And ^b confirmed him in the high priesthood, and in all the honours that he had before, and gave him preeminence among his chief friends.

28 Then Jonathan desired the king, that he would make Judea free from

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† Gr. and those that were in the holds were slain of those that were in the holds.

† Gr. slept.

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^b ch. 10. 20. & 14. 38. ver. 57.

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tribute, as also the three governments, with the country of Samaria; and he promised him three hundred talents.

29 So the king consented, and wrote letters unto Jonathan of all these things after this manner:

30 King Demetrius unto his brother Jonathan, and unto the nation of the Jews, sendeth greeting:

31 We send you here a copy of the letter which we did write unto our cousin Lasthenes concerning you, that ye might see it.

32 King Demetrius unto his father Lasthenes sendeth greeting:

33 We are determined to do good to the people of the Jews, who are our friends, and keep covenants with us, because of their good will toward us.

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c ch. 10. 42.

34 || Wherefore we have ratified unto them the borders of Judea, with the three governments of Apherema and Lydda and Ramathem, that are added unto Judea from the country of Samaria, and ^c all things appertaining unto them, for all such as do sacrifice in Jerusalem, instead of the payments which the king received of them yearly aforetime out of the fruits of the earth and of trees.

d ch. 10. 29.

35 And as for other things that belong unto us, of the tithes and customs pertaining unto us, as also ^d the salt-pits, and the crown taxes, which are due unto us, we discharge them of them all for their relief.

36 And nothing hereof shall be revoked from this time forth for ever.

37 Now therefore see that thou make a copy of these things, and let it be delivered unto Jonathan, and set upon the holy mount in a conspicuous place.

38 After this, when king Demetrius saw that the land was quiet before him, and that no resistance was made against him, he sent away all his forces, every one to his own place, except certain bands of strangers, whom he had gathered from the isles of the heathen: wherefore all the forces of his fathers hated him.

39 Moreover there was one Tryphon, that had been of Alexander's part afore, who, seeing that all the host murmured against Demetrius, went to Simalcue

the Arabian, that brought up Antiochus the young son of Alexander,

40 And lay sore upon him to deliver him *this young Antiochus*, that he might reign in his father's stead: he told him therefore all that Demetrius had done, and how his men of war were at enmity with him, and there he remained a long season.

41 In the mean time Jonathan sent unto king Demetrius, that he would cast those of the tower out of Jerusalem, and those also in the fortresses: for they fought against Israel.

42 So Demetrius sent unto Jonathan, saying, I will not only do this for thee and thy people, but I will greatly honour thee and thy nation, if opportunity serve.

43 Now therefore thou shalt do well, if thou send me men to help me; for all my forces are gone from me.

44 Upon this Jonathan sent him three thousand strong men unto Antioch: and when they came to the king, the king was very glad of their coming.

45 Howbeit they that were of the city gathered themselves together into the midst of the city, to the number of an hundred and twenty thousand men, and would have slain the king.

46 Wherefore the king fled into the court, but they of the city kept the passages of the city, and began to fight.

47 Then the king called to the Jews for help, who came unto him all at once, and dispersing themselves through the city slew that day in the city to the number of an hundred thousand.

48 Also they set fire on the city, and gat many spoils that day, and delivered the king.

49 So when they of the city saw that the Jews had got the city as they would, their courage was abated: wherefore they made supplication to the king, and cried, saying,

50 || Grant us peace, and let the Jews cease from assaulting us and the city.

|| Or,
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with us.

51 With that they cast away their weapons, and made peace; and the Jews were honoured in the sight of the king, and in the sight of all that were in his realm; and they returned to Jerusalem, having great spoils.

52 So king Demetrius sat on the

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throne of his kingdom, and the land was quiet before him.

53 Nevertheless he dissembled in all that ever he spake, and estranged himself from Jonathan, neither rewarded he him according to the benefits which he had received of him, but troubled him very sore.

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54 After this returned Tryphon, and with him the young child Antiochus, who reigned, and was crowned.

55 Then there gathered unto him all the men of war, whom Demetrius had put away, and they fought against Demetrius, who turned his back and fled.

+ Gr. *beasts*.

56 Moreover Tryphon took the † elephants, and won Antioch.

57 At that time young Antiochus wrote unto Jonathan, saying, I confirm thee in the high priesthood, and appoint thee ruler over the four governments, and to be one of the king's friends.

+ Gr. *and service*.

58 Upon this he sent him golden vessels † to be served in, and gave him leave to drink in gold, and to be clothed in purple, and to wear a golden buckle.

59 His brother Simon also he made captain from the place called The ladder of Tyrus unto the borders of Egypt.

|| Or, *went beyond the river, and passed through the cities, or, went and passed beyond the river and through the cities, Gr.*

60 Then Jonathan || went forth, and passed through the cities beyond the water, and all the forces of Syria gathered themselves unto him for to help him: and when he came to Ascalon, they of the city met him honourably.

|| Or, *the places thereabout*.

61 From whence he went to Gaza, but they of Gaza shut him out; wherefore he laid siege unto it, and burned || the suburbs thereof with fire, and spoiled them.

+ Gr. *he gave them the right hand*.

62 Afterward, when they of Gaza made supplication unto Jonathan, † he made peace with them, and took the sons of their chief men for hostages, and sent them to Jerusalem, and passed through the country unto Damascus.

|| Or, *to remove him from the affairs of the kingdom*.

63 Now when Jonathan heard that Demetrius' princes were come to Cades, which is in Galilee, with a great power, purposing || to remove him out of the country,

64 He went to meet them, and left Simon his brother in the country.

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65 Then Simon encamped against Bethsura, and fought against it a long season, and shut it up:

66 But they desired to have peace with him, which he granted them, and then put them out from thence, and took the city, and set a garrison in it.

67 As for Jonathan and his host, they pitched at the water of Gennesar, from whence betimes in the morning they gat them to the plain of Nasor.

68 And, behold, the host of strangers met them in the plain, who, having laid men in ambush for him in the mountains, came themselves over against him.

69 So when they that lay in ambush rose out of their places, and joined battle, all that were of Jonathan's side fled;

70 Insomuch as there was not one of them left, except Mattathias the son of Absalom, and Judas the son of Calphi, the captains of the host.

71 Then Jonathan rent his clothes, and cast earth upon his head, and prayed.

72 Afterwards turning again to battle, he put them to flight, and so they ran away.

73 Now when his own men that were fled saw this, they turned again unto him, and with him pursued them to Cades, even unto their own tents, and there they camped.

74 So there were slain of the heathen that day about three thousand men: but Jonathan returned to Jerusalem.

CHAP. XII.

1 Jonathan reneweth his league with the Romans and Lacedemonians. 28 The forces of Demetrius, thinking to surprise Jonathan, flee away for fear. 35 Jonathan fortifieth the castles in Judea, 48 and is shut up by the fraud of Tryphon in Ptolemais.

NOW when Jonathan saw that the time served him, he chose certain men, and sent them to Rome, *for to confirm and renew the friendship that they had with them.

* ch. 8. 1, 20.

2 He sent letters also to the Lacedemonians, and to other places, for the same purpose.

3 So they went unto Rome, and entered into the senate, and said, Jonathan the high priest, and the people of the Jews, sent us unto you, to the end ye should renew the friendship, which

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ye had with them, and league, as in former time.

4 Upon this *the Romans* gave them letters unto the governors of every place, that they should bring them into the land of Judea peaceably.

5 And this is the copy of the letters which Jonathan wrote to the Lacedemonians:

6 Jonathan the high priest, and the elders of the nation, and the priests, and the other people of the Jews, unto the Lacedemonians their brethren send greeting:

7 There were letters sent in times past unto Onias the high priest from *¶ Darius*, who reigned then among you, to signify that ye are our brethren, as the copy here underwritten doth specify.

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8 At which time Onias entreated the ambassador that was sent honourably, and received the letters, wherein declaration was made of the *¶ league* and friendship.

¶ Or, kindred, Joseph. Antiq.

9 Therefore we also, albeit we need none of these things, for that we have the holy books of scripture in our hands to comfort us,

10 Have nevertheless attempted to send unto you for the renewing of brotherhood and friendship, lest we should become strangers unto you altogether: for there is a long time passed since ye sent unto us.

11 We therefore at all times without ceasing, both in our feasts, and other convenient days, do remember you in the sacrifices which we offer, and in our prayers, as reason is, and as it becometh us to think upon our brethren:

12 And we are right glad of your honour.

13 As for ourselves, we have had great troubles and wars on every side, forso-much as the kings that are round about us have fought against us.

14 Howbeit we would not be troublesome unto you, nor to others of our confederates and friends, in these wars:

15 For we have help from heaven that succoureth us, so as we are delivered from our enemies, and our enemies are brought under foot.

16 For this cause we chose Numenius *the son* of Antiochus, and Antipater *the*

son of Jason, and sent them unto the Romans, to renew the amity that we had with them, and the former league.

17 We commanded them also to go unto you, and to salute you, and to deliver you our letters concerning the renewing of our brotherhood.

18 Wherefore now ye shall do well to give us an answer thereto.

19 And this is the copy of the letters *¶ which Oniases sent.*

20 Areus king of the Lacedemonians to Onias the high priest, greeting:

21 It is found in writing, that the Lacedemonians and Jews are brethren, and that they are of the stock of Abraham:

22 Now therefore, since this is come to our knowledge, ye shall do well to write unto us of your *† prosperity.*

¶ Read out of Joseph. which Areus sent to Onias.

† Gr. peace.

23 We do write back again to you, that your cattle and goods are our's, and our's are your's. We do command therefore *our ambassadors* to make report unto you on this wise.

24 Now when Jonathan heard that Demetrius' princes were come to fight against him with a greater host than afore,

25 He removed from Jerusalem, and met them in the land of Amathis: for he gave them no respite *¶ to enter his country.*

26 He sent spies also unto their tents, who came again, and told him that they were appointed to come upon them in the night season.

27 Wherefore so soon as the sun was down, Jonathan commanded his men to watch, and to be in arms, that all the night long they might be ready to fight: also he sent forth centinels round about the host.

28 But when the adversaries heard that Jonathan and his men were ready for battle, they feared, and trembled in their hearts, and *¶ they kindled fires in their camp.*

29 Howbeit Jonathan and his company knew it not till the morning: for they saw the lights burning.

30 Then Jonathan pursued after them, but overtook them not: for they were gone over the river Eleutherus.

31 Wherefore Jonathan turned to the Arabians, who were called *† Zaba-*

¶ Or, to set foot in his country: or, to invade his country.

¶ Joseph. Antiq. lib. 13. cap. 9. they went away.

† Joseph. Gr. Nabatheans, or, Zabatheans.

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deans, and smote them, and took their spoils.

32 And removing thence, he came to Damascus, and so passed through all the country.

33 Simon also went forth, and passed through the country unto Ascalon, and the holds there adjoining, from whence he turned aside to Joppe, and won it.

34 For he had heard that they would deliver the hold unto them that took Demetrius' part; wherefore he set a garrison there to keep it.

35 After this came Jonathan home again, and calling the elders of the people together, he consulted with them about building strong holds in Judea,

36 And making the walls of Jerusalem higher, and raising a great mount between the tower and the city, for to separate it from the city, that so it might be alone, that men might neither sell nor buy in it.

37 Upon this they came together to build up the city, || forasmuch as *part of* the wall toward the brook on the east side was fallen down, and they repaired that which was called Caphenatha.

38 Simon also set up Adida in Sephela, and made it strong with gates and bars.

39 Now Tryphon went about to get the kingdom of Asia, and to kill Antiochus the king, that he might set the crown upon his own head.

40 Howbeit he was afraid that Jonathan would not suffer him, and that he would fight against him; wherefore he sought a way how to take Jonathan, that he might kill him. So he removed, and came to Bethsan.

41 Then Jonathan went out to meet him with forty thousand men chosen for the battle, and came to Bethsan.

42 Now when Tryphon saw that Jonathan came with so great a force, he durst not stretch his hand against him;

43 But received him honourably, and commended him unto all his friends, and gave him gifts, and commanded his men of war to be as obedient unto him, as to himself.

44 Unto Jonathan also he said, Why hast thou put all this people to so great trouble, seeing there is no war betwixt us?

|| Or, According to the Roman reading, and he came near to the wall of the brook toward the east.

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45 Therefore send them now home again, and choose a few men to wait on thee, and come thou with me to Ptolemais, for I will give it thee, and the rest of the strong holds and forces, and all that have any charge: as for me, I will return and depart: for this is the cause of my coming.

46 So Jonathan believing him did as he bade him, and sent away his host, who went into the land of Judea.

47 And with himself he retained but three thousand men, of whom he † sent two thousand into Galilee, and one thousand went with him.

† Gr. left two thousand in Galilee.

48 Now as soon as Jonathan entered into Ptolemais, they of Ptolemais shut the gates, and took him, and all them that came with him they slew with the sword.

49 Then sent Tryphon an host of footmen and horsemen into Galilee, and into the great plain, to destroy all Jonathan's company.

50 But when they knew that Jonathan and they that were with him were taken and slain, they encouraged one another, and went close together, prepared to fight.

51 They therefore that followed upon them, perceiving that they were ready to fight for their lives, turned back again.

52 Whereupon they all came into the land of Judea peaceably, and there they bewailed Jonathan, and them that were with him, and they were sore afraid; wherefore all Israel made great lamentation.

53 Then all the heathen that were round about them sought to destroy them: for said they, They have no captain, nor any to help them: now therefore let us make war upon them, and take away their memorial from among men.

CHAP. XIII.

8 Simon is made captain in his brother Jonathan's room. 19 Tryphon getteth two of Jonathan's sons into his hands, and slayeth their father. 27 The tomb of Jonathan. 36 Simon is favoured by Demetrius, 40 and winneth Gaza, and the tower at Jerusalem.

NOW when Simon heard that Tryphon had gathered together a great host to invade the land of Judea, and destroy it,

2 And saw that the people was in

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great trembling and fear, he went up to Jerusalem, and gathered the people together,

3 And gave them exhortation, saying, Ye yourselves know what great things I, and my brethren, and my father's house, have done for the laws and the sanctuary, the battles also and troubles which we have seen,

4 By reason whereof all my brethren are slain for Israel's sake, and I am left alone.

5 Now therefore be it far from me, that I should spare mine own life in any time of trouble: for I am no better than my brethren.

6 Doubtless I will avenge my nation, and the sanctuary, and our wives, and our children: for all the heathen are gathered to destroy us of very malice.

7 Now as soon as the people heard these words, their spirit revived.

8 And they answered with a loud voice, saying, Thou shalt be our leader instead of Judas and Jonathan thy brother.

9 Fight thou our battles, and whatsoever thou commandest us, that will we do.

* See ch. 12.
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10 So then he gathered together all the men of war, and made haste ^a to finish the walls of Jerusalem, and he fortified it round about.

11 Also he sent Jonathan the son of Absalom, and with him a great power, to Joppe: who casting out them that were therein remained there in it.

12 So Tryphon removed from Ptolemais with a great power to invade the land of Judea, and Jonathan was with him in ward.

13 But Simon pitched his tents at Adida, over against the plain.

14 Now when Tryphon knew that Simon was risen up instead of his brother Jonathan, and meant to join battle with him, he sent messengers unto him, saying,

15 Whereas we have Jonathan thy brother in hold, it is for money that he is owing unto the king's treasure, ^{||} concerning the business that was committed unto him.

16 Wherefore now send an hundred talents of silver, and two of his sons for hostages, that when he is at liberty

|| Or, for the affairs, or, offices, that he had, or, the necessary uses which he had.

he may not revolt from us, and we will let him go.

17 Hereupon Simon, albeit he perceived that they spake deceitfully unto him, yet sent he the money and the children, lest peradventure he should procure to himself great hatred of the people:

18 Who might have said, Because I sent him not the money and the children, therefore is *Jonathan* dead.

19 So he sent them the children and the hundred talents: howbeit *Tryphon* dissembled, neither would he let *Jonathan* go.

20 And after this came Tryphon to invade the land, and destroy it, going round about by the way that leadeth unto Adora: but Simon and his host marched against him in every place, wheresoever he went.

21 Now they that were in the tower sent messengers unto Tryphon, to the end that he should hasten his coming unto them by the wilderness, and send them victuals.

22 Wherefore Tryphon made ready all his horsemen to come that night: but there fell a very great snow, by reason whereof he came not. So he departed, and came into the country of Galaad.

23 And when he came near to Bas-cama, he slew Jonathan, who was buried there.

24 Afterward Tryphon returned and went into his own land.

25 Then sent Simon, and took the bones of Jonathan his brother, and buried them in Modin, the city of his fathers.

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26 And ^ball Israel made great lamentation for him, and bewailed him many days.

b ch. 9. 20.

27 Simon also built a monument upon the sepulchre of his father and his brethren, and raised it aloft to the sight, with hewn stone behind and before.

28 Moreover he set up seven pyramids, one against another, for his father, and his mother, and his four brethren.

29 And in these he made cunning devices, about the which he set great pillars, and upon the pillars he made all their armour for a perpetual me-

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mory, and by the armour ships carved, that they might be seen of all that sail on the sea.

30 This is the sepulchre which he made at Modin, and it standeth yet unto this day.

31 Now Tryphon dealt deceitfully with the young king Antiochus, and slew him.

32 And he reigned in his stead, and crowned himself king of Asia, and brought a great calamity upon the land.

33 Then Simon built up the strong holds in Judea, and fenced them about with high towers, and great walls, and gates, and bars, and laid up victuals [†] therein.

† Gr. in the strong holds.

34 Moreover Simon chose men, and sent to king Demetrius, to the end he should give the land an immunity, because [†] all that Tryphon did was to spoil.

† Gr. all Tryphon's doings were robberies.

35 Unto whom king Demetrius answered and wrote after this manner:

36 King Demetrius unto Simon the high priest, and friend of kings, as also unto the elders and nation of the Jews, sendeth greeting:

37 The golden crown, and the scarlet robe, which ye sent unto us, we have received: and we are ready to make a stedfast peace with you, yea, and to write unto our officers, to confirm the immunities which we have granted.

38 And whatsoever covenants we have made with you shall stand; and the strong holds, which ye have builded, shall be your own.

39 As for any oversight or fault committed unto this day, we forgive it, and the crown tax also, which ye owe us: and if there were any other tribute paid in Jerusalem, it shall no more be paid.

40 And look who are meet among you to be in our court, let them be enrolled, and let there be peace betwixt us.

41 Thus the yoke of the heathen was taken away from Israel in the hundred and seventieth year.

42 Then the people of Israel began ^{ch. 14: 27.} to write in their instruments and contracts, In the first year of Simon the high priest, the governor and leader of the Jews.

43 In those days Simon camped against

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Gaza, and besieged it round about; he made also an engine of war, and set it by the city, and battered a certain tower, and took it.

44 And they that were in the engine leaped into the city; whereupon there was a great uproar in the city:

45 Insomuch as the people of the city rent their clothes, and climbed upon the walls with their wives and children, and cried with a loud voice, beseeching Simon [†] to grant them peace.

† Gr. to give them his right hand.

46 And they said, Deal not with us according to our wickedness, but according to thy mercy.

47 So Simon was appeased toward them, and fought no more against them, but put them out of the city, and cleansed the houses wherein the idols were, and so entered into it with songs and thanksgiving.

48 Yea, he put all uncleanness out of it, and placed such men there as would keep the law, and made it stronger than it was before, and built therein a dwellingplace for himself.

49 They also of the tower in Jerusalem were kept so strait, that they could neither come forth, nor go into the country, nor buy, nor sell: wherefore they were in great distress for want of victuals, and a great number of them perished through famine.

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50 Then cried they to Simon, beseeching him ^{||} to be at one with them: which thing he granted them; and when he had put them out from thence, he cleansed the tower from pollutions:

|| Or, to make peace with them.

51 And entered into it the three and twentieth day of the second month, in the hundred seventy and first year, with thanksgiving, and branches of palm trees, and with harps, and cymbals, and with viols, and hymns, and songs: because there was destroyed a great enemy out of Israel.

52 He ordained also that that day should be kept every year with gladness. Moreover the hill of the temple that was by the tower he made stronger than it was, and there he dwelt himself with his company.

53 And when Simon saw that John his son was a valiant man, he made him captain of all the hosts; and ^d he ^d dwelt in Gazara. ^{ch. 16. 1.}

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CHAP. XIV.

3 *Demetrius is taken by the king of Persia. 4 The good deeds of Simon to his country. 18 The Lacedemonians and Romans renew their league with him. 26 A memorial of his acts is set up in Sion.*

NOW in the hundred threescore and twelfth year king Demetrius gathered his forces together, and went into Media, to get him help to fight against Tryphon.

2 But when Arsaces, the king of Persia and Media, heard that Demetrius was entered within his borders, he sent one of his princes to take him alive:

3 Who went and smote the host of Demetrius, and took him, and brought him to Arsaces, by whom he was put in ward.

^a ch. 7. 50.

4 As for the land of Judea, ^a that was quiet all the days of Simon; for he sought the good of his nation in such wise, as that evermore his authority and honour pleased them well.

5 And as he was honourable in all his acts, so in this, that he took Joppe for an haven, and made an entrance to the isles of the sea,

6 And enlarged the bounds of his nation, and recovered the country,

7 And gathered together a great number of captives, and had the dominion of Gazara, and Bethsura, and the tower, out of the which he took all uncleanness, neither was there any that resisted him.

8 Then did they till their ground in peace, and the earth gave her increase, and the trees of the field their fruit.

^{||} Or, the wealth of the land.

9 The ancient men sat all in the streets, communing together of ^{||} good things, and the young men put on glorious and warlike apparel.

10 He provided victuals for the cities, and set in them all manner of munition, so that his honourable name was renowned unto the end of the world.

11 He made peace in the land, and Israel rejoiced with great joy:

^b 1 Kings 4. 25.
Mic. 4. 4.
Zech. 3. 10.

12 For ^b every man sat under his vine and his fig tree, and there was none to fray them:

13 Neither was there any left in the land to fight against them: yea, the kings themselves were overthrown in those days.

14 Moreover he strengthened all those of his people that were brought low:

the law he searched out; and every contemner of the law and wicked person he took away.

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15 He beautified the sanctuary, and multiplied the vessels of the temple.

16 Now when it was heard at Rome, and as far as Sparta, that Jonathan was dead, they were very sorry.

17 But as soon as they heard that his brother Simon was made high priest in his stead, and ruled the country, and the cities therein:

18 They wrote unto him in tables of brass, to renew the friendship and league which they had made with Judas and Jonathan his brethren:

19 Which writings were read before the congregation at Jerusalem.

20 And this is the copy of the letters that the Lacedemonians sent; The rulers of the Lacedemonians, with the city, unto ^c Simon the high priest, and the elders, and priests, and residue of the people of the Jews, our brethren, send greeting:

^c See ch. 12. 6.

21 The ambassadors that were sent unto our people certified us of your glory and honour: wherefore we were glad of their coming,

22 And did register the things that they spake in the ^{||} council of the people in this manner; Numenius son of Antiochus, and Antipater son of Jason, the Jews' ambassadors, came unto us to renew the friendship they had with us.

^{||} Or, public records.

23 And it pleased the people to entertain the men honourably, and to put the copy of their ambassage in publick records, to the end the people of the Lacedemonians might have a memorial thereof: furthermore we have written a copy thereof unto Simon the high priest.

24 After this Simon sent Numenius to Rome with a great shield of gold of a thousand pound weight, to confirm the league with them.

25 Whereof when the people heard, they said, What thanks shall we give to Simon and his sons?

26 For he and his brethren and the house of his father have established Israel, and chased away in fight their enemies from them, and confirmed their liberty.

27 So then they wrote it in tables of

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brass, which they set upon pillars in mount Sion: and this is the copy of the writing; The eighteenth day of the month Elul, in the hundred threescore and twelfth year, being the third year of Simon the high priest,

|| Or, Jerusalem, peradventure by corruption and transposition of letters; or, as some think, the common hall where they met to consult of matters of estate.

28 At || Saramel in the great congregation of the priests, and people, and rulers of the nation, and elders of the country, were these things notified unto us.

29 Forasmuch as oftentimes there have been wars in the country, wherein for the maintenance of their sanctuary, and the law, Simon the son of Mattathias, of the posterity of Jarib, together with his brethren, put themselves in jeopardy, and resisting the enemies of their nation did their nation great honour:

30 (For after that Jonathan, having gathered his nation together, and been their high priest, was added to his people,

31 Their enemies purposed to invade their country, that they might destroy it, and lay hands on the sanctuary:

|| Or, the men of war.

32 At which time Simon rose up, and fought for his nation, and spent much of his own substance, and armed || the valiant men of his nation, and gave them wages,

|| Or, weapons.

33 And fortified the cities of Judea, together with Bethsura, that lieth upon the borders of Judea, where the || armour of the enemies had been before; but he set a garrison of Jews there:

|| Or, Gaza.

34 Moreover he fortified Joppe, which lieth upon the sea, and || Gazara, that bordereth upon Azotus, where the enemies had dwelt before: but he placed Jews there, and furnished them with all things convenient for the reparation thereof.)

35 The people therefore, seeing the acts of Simon, and unto what glory he thought to bring his nation, made him their governor and chief priest, because he had done all these things, and for the justice and faith which he kept to his nation, and for that he sought by all means to exalt his people.

36 For in his time things prospered in his hands, so that the heathen were taken out of their country, and they also that were in the city of David in

Jerusalem, who had made themselves a tower, out of which they issued, and polluted all about the sanctuary, and did much hurt || in the holy place:

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|| Or, unto religion.

37 But he placed Jews therein, and fortified it for the safety of the country and the city, and raised up the walls of Jerusalem.

38 King Demetrius also ^d confirmed him in the high priesthood according to those things, ^{d ch. 10. 20. & 11. 57.}

39 And made him one of his friends, and honoured him with great honour.

40 For he had heard say, that ^e the Romans had called the Jews their friends and confederates and brethren; and that they had entertained the ambassadors of Simon honourably; ^{e ch. 8. 20. & 12. 3.}

41 Also that the Jews and priests were well pleased that Simon should be their governor and high priest for ever, ^f until there should arise a faithful prophet; ^{f ch. 4. 46.}

42 Moreover that he should be their captain, and should take charge of the sanctuary, to set them over their works, and over the country, and over the armour, and over the fortresses, that, *I say*, he should take charge of the sanctuary;

43 Beside this, that he should be obeyed of every man, and that all the writings in the country should be made in his name, and that ^g he should be clothed in purple, and wear gold; ^{g ch. 10. 20, 89. & 11. 58.}

44 Also that it should be lawful for none of the people or priests to break any of these things, or to gainsay his words, or to gather an assembly in the country without him, or to be clothed in purple, or wear a buckle of gold:

45 And whosoever should do otherwise, or break any of these things, he should be punished.

46 Thus it liked all the people to deal with Simon, and to do as hath been said.

47 Then Simon accepted hereof, and was well pleased to be high priest, and captain and governor of the Jews and priests, and to defend them all.

48 So they commanded that this writing should be put in tables of brass, and that they should be set up within the compass of the sanctuary in a conspicuous place;

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49 Also that the copies thereof should be laid up in the treasury, to the end that Simon and his sons might have them.

CHAP. XV.

4 Antiochus desireth leave to pass through Judea, and granteth great honours to Simon and the Jews. 16 The Romans write to divers kings and nations to favour the Jews. 27 Antiochus quarrelleth with Simon, 38 and sendeth some to annoy Judea.

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MOREOVER Antiochus son of Demetrius the king sent letters from the isles of the sea unto Simon the priest and prince of the Jews, and to all the people;

2 The contents whereof were these: King Antiochus to Simon the high priest and prince of his nation, and to the people of the Jews, greeting:

3 Forasmuch as certain pestilent men have usurped the kingdom of our fathers, and my purpose is to challenge it again, that I may restore it to the old estate, and to that end have gathered a multitude of foreign soldiers together, and prepared ships of war;

4 My meaning also being to go through the country, that I may be avenged of them that have destroyed it, and made many cities in the kingdom desolate:

5 Now therefore I confirm unto thee all the oblations which the kings before me granted thee, and whatsoever gifts besides they granted.

6 I give thee leave also to coin money for thy country with thine own stamp.

7 And as concerning Jerusalem and the sanctuary, let them be free; and all the armour that thou hast made, and fortresses that thou hast built, and keepest in thine hands, let them remain unto thee.

8 And if any thing be, or shall be, owing to the king, let it be forgiven thee from this time forth for evermore.

9 Furthermore, when we have obtained our kingdom, we will honour thee, and thy nation, and thy temple, with great honour, so that your honour shall be known throughout the world.

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10 In the hundred threescore and fourteenth year went Antiochus into the land of his fathers: at which time all the forces came together unto him, so that few were left with Tryphon.

11 Wherefore being pursued by king

Antiochus, he fled unto Dora, which lieth by the sea side:

12 For he saw that troubles came upon him all at once, and that his forces had forsaken him.

13 Then camped Antiochus against Dora, having with him an hundred and twenty thousand men of war, and eight thousand horsemen.

14 And when he had compassed the city round about, and joined ships close to the town on the sea side, he vexed the city by land and by sea, neither suffered he any to go out or in.

15 In the mean season came Nume-nius and his company from Rome, having letters to the kings and countries; wherein were written these things:

16 Lucius, consul of the Romans unto king Ptolemee, greeting:

17 The Jews' ambassadors, our friends and confederates, came unto us to renew the old friendship and league, being sent from Simon the high priest, and from the people of the Jews:

18 ^a And they brought a shield of gold ^{a ch. 14. 24.} of a thousand pound.

19 We thought it good therefore to write unto the kings and countries, that they should do them no harm, nor fight against them, their cities, or countries, nor yet aid their enemies against them.

20 It seemed also good to us to receive the shield of them.

21 If therefore there be any pestilent fellows, that have fled from their country unto you, deliver them unto Simon the high priest, that he may punish them according to their own law.

22 The same things wrote he likewise unto Demetrius the king, and Attalus, to Ariarathes, and Arsaces,

|| Or,
Arathes.

23 And to all the countries, and to Sampsames, and the Lacedemonians, and to Delus, and Myndus, and Sicyon, and Caria, and Samos, and Pamphylia, and Lycia, and Halicarnassus, and Rhodus, and Phaselis, and Cos, and Side, and Aradus, and Gortyna, and Cnidus, and Cyprus, and Cyrene.

|| Or, Samp-saces. Lat. Lampsacus.

|| Or,
Basilis.

24 And the copy hereof they wrote to Simon the high priest.

25 So Antiochus the king camped against Dora the second day, ⁺ assaulting it continually, and making engines,

+ Gr. bringing his forces to it.

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by which means he shut up Tryphon, that he could neither go out nor in.

26 At that time Simon sent him two thousand chosen men to aid him; silver also, and gold, and much armour.

27 Nevertheless he would not receive them, but brake all the covenants which he had made with him afore, and became strange unto him.

28 Furthermore he sent unto him Athenobius, one of his friends, to commune with him, and say, Ye withhold Joppe and Gazara, with the tower that is in Jerusalem, which are cities of my realm.

29 The borders thereof ye have wasted, and done great hurt in the land, and got the dominion of many places within my kingdom.

30 Now therefore deliver the cities which ye have taken, and the tributes of the places, whereof ye have gotten dominion || without the borders of Judea:

|| Or, except the borders, &c.

31 Or else give me for them five hundred talents of silver; and for the harm that ye have done, and the tributes of the cities, other five hundred talents: if not, we will come and || fight against you.

|| Or, subdue you in fight.

32 So Athenobius the king's friend came to Jerusalem: and when he saw the glory of Simon, and the cupboard of gold and silver plate, and his great attendance, he was astonished, and told him the king's message.

33 Then answered Simon, and said unto him, We have neither taken other men's land, nor holden that which appertaineth to others, but the inheritance of our fathers, which our enemies had wrongfully in possession a certain time.

34 Wherefore we, having opportunity, hold the inheritance of our fathers.

35 And whereas thou demandest Joppe and Gazara, albeit they did great harm unto the people in our country, yet will we give an hundred talents for them. Hereunto Athenobius answered him not a word;

36 But returned in a rage to the king, and made report unto him of these speeches, and of the glory of Simon, and of all that he had seen: whereupon the king was exceeding wroth.

37 In the mean time fled Tryphon by ship unto Orthosias.

38 Then the king made Cendebeus captain of the sea coast, and gave him an host of footmen and horsemen,

39 And commanded him to remove his host toward Judea: also he commanded him to build up || Cedron, and to fortify the gates, and to war against the people; but as for the king *himself*, he pursued Tryphon.

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|| Or, Gedor.

40 So Cendebeus came to Jamnia, and began to provoke the people, and to invade Judea, and to take the people prisoners, and slay them.

41 And when he had built up Cedron, he set horsemen there, and an host of footmen, to the end that issuing out they might make outroads upon the ways of Judea, as the king had commanded him.

CHAP. XVI.

3 Judas and John prevail against the forces sent by Antiochus. 11 The captain of Jericho inviteth Simon and two of his sons into his castle, and there treacherously murdereth them. 19 John is sought for, 22 and escaped, and killeth those that sought for him.

THEN came up John ^a from Gazara, and told Simon his father what Cendebeus had done.

^a ch. 13. 53.

2 Wherefore Simon called his two eldest sons, Judas and John, and said unto them, ^bI, and my brethren, and my father's house, have ever from our youth unto this day fought against the enemies of Israel; and ^cthings have prospered so well in our hands, that we have delivered Israel oftentimes.

^b ch. 14. 26.

^c ch. 3. 6.
& 14. 36.

3 But now I am old, and ye, by *God's* mercy, are of a sufficient age: be ye instead of me and my brother, and go and fight for our nation, and the help from heaven be with you.

4 So he chose out of the country twenty thousand men of war with horsemen, who went out against Cendebeus, and rested that night at Modin.

5 And when as they rose in the morning, and went into the plain, behold, a mighty great host both of footmen and horsemen came against them: howbeit there was a water brook betwixt them.

6 So he and his people pitched over against them: and when he saw that the people were afraid to go over the

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water brook, he went first over himself, and then the men seeing him passed through after him.

7 That done, he divided his men, and set the horsemen in the midst of the footmen: for the enemies' horsemen were very many.

8 Then sounded they with the holy trumpets: whereupon Cendebeus and his host were put to flight, so that many of them were slain, and the remnant gat them to the strong hold.

9 At that time was Judas John's brother wounded; but John still followed after them, until he came to Cedron, which Cendebeus had built.

|| Or, Which when he had set on fire, they fled unto the towers in the fields of Azotus; and there were slain, &c.
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10 || So they fled even unto the towers in the fields of Azotus; wherefore he burned it with fire: so that there were slain of them about two thousand men. Afterward he returned into the land of Judea in peace.

11 Moreover in the plain of Jericho was Ptolemeus the son of Abubus made captain, and he had abundance of silver and gold:

12 For he was the high priest's son in law.

13 Wherefore his heart being lifted up, he thought to get the country to himself, and thereupon consulted deceitfully against Simon and his sons to destroy them.

14 Now Simon was visiting the cities that were in the country, and taking care for the good ordering of them; at which time he came down himself to Jericho with his sons, Mattathias and Judas, in the hundred threescore and seventeenth year, in the eleventh month, called Sabat:

15 Where the son of Abubus receiv-

ing them deceitfully into a little hold, called Docus, which he had built, made them a great banquet: howbeit he had hid men there.

16 So when Simon and his sons had drunk largely, Ptolemee and his men rose up, and took their weapons, and came upon Simon into the banqueting place, and slew him, and his two sons, and certain of his servants.

17 In which doing he committed a great treachery, and recompensed evil for good.

18 Then Ptolemee wrote these things, and sent to the king, that he should send him an host to aid him, and he would deliver him the country and cities.

19 He sent others also to Gazara to kill John: and unto the † tribunes he sent letters to come unto him, that he might give them silver, and gold, and rewards.

† Gr. captains of thousands.

20 And others he sent to take Jerusalem, and the mountain of the temple.

21 Now one had run afore to Gazara, and told John that his father and brethren were slain, and, quoth he, Ptolemee hath sent to slay thee also.

22 Hereof when he heard, he was sore astonished: so he laid hands on them that were come to destroy him, and slew them; for he knew that they sought to make him away.

23 As concerning the rest of the acts of John, and his wars, and worthy deeds which he did, and the building of the walls which he made, and his doings,

24 Behold, these are written in the chronicles of his priesthood, from the time he was made high priest after his father.

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CHAP. I.

1 A letter of the Jews from Jerusalem to them of Egypt, to thank God for the death of Antiochus. 19 Of the fire that was hid in the pit. 24 The prayer of Neemias.

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THE brethren, the Jews that be at Jerusalem and in the land of Judea, wish unto the brethren, the Jews that are throughout Egypt, health and peace:

2 God be gracious unto you, and remember his covenant that he made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, his faithful servants;

3 And give you all an heart to serve him, and to do his will, with a good courage and a willing mind;

4 And open your hearts in his law and commandments, and send you peace,

5 And hear your prayers, and be at one with you, and never forsake you in time of trouble.

6 And now we be here praying for you.

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7 What time as Demetrius reigned, in the hundred threescore and ninth year, we the Jews wrote unto you in the extremity of trouble that came upon us in those years, from the time that Jason and his company revolted from the holy land and kingdom,

* ch. 4. 7.

8 And burned the porch, and shed innocent blood: then we prayed unto the Lord, and were heard; we offered also sacrifices and fine flour, and lighted the lamps, and set forth the loaves.

^b Lev. 23. 34.

9 And now see that ye keep the feast of ^b tabernacles in the month Casleu.

10 In the hundred fourscore and eighth year, the people that were at Jerusalem and in Judea, and the council, and Judas, sent greeting and health unto Aristobulus, king Ptolemeus' mas-

ter, who was of the stock of the anointed priests, and to the Jews that were in Egypt:

11 Insomuch as God hath delivered us from great perils, we thank him highly, as having been in battle against a king.

12 For he cast them out that fought within the holy city.

13 For when the leader was come into Persia, and the army with him that seemed invincible, they were slain in the temple of Nanea by the deceit of Nanea's priests.

14 For Antiochus, as though he would marry her, came into the place, and his friends that were with him, to receive money in name of a dowry.

15 Which when the priests of Nanea had set forth, and he was entered with a small company into the compass of the temple, they shut the temple as soon as Antiochus was come in:

16 And opening a privy door of the roof, they threw stones like thunderbolts, and struck down the captain, hewed them in pieces, smote off their heads, and cast them to those that were without.

17 Blessed be our God in all things, who hath delivered up the ungodly.

18 Therefore whereas we are now purposed ^c to keep the purification of the temple upon the five and twentieth day of *the month* ^d Casleu, we thought it necessary to certify you thereof, that ye also might keep *it, as the feast* of the tabernacles, and of the fire, *which was given us* when Neemias offered sacrifice, after that he had builded the temple and the altar.

19 For when our fathers were led

^c 1 Mac. 4. 59.
ch. 2. 16.
^d Lev. 23. 24, 27, 34.
Num. 29. 1.

into Persia, the priests that were then devout took the fire of the altar privily, and hid it in an hollow place of a pit without water, where they kept it sure, so that the place was unknown to all men.

20 Now after many years, when it pleased God, Neemias, being sent from the king of Persia, did send of the posterity of those priests that had hid it to the fire: but when they told us they found no fire, but thick water;

21 Then commanded he them to draw it up, and to bring it; and when the sacrifices were laid on, Neemias commanded the priests to sprinkle the wood and the things laid thereupon with the water.

22 When this was done, and the time came that the sun shone, which afore was hid in the cloud, there was a great fire kindled, so that every man marvelled.

23 And the priests made a prayer whilst the sacrifice was consuming, *I say*, both the priests, and all the rest, Jonathan beginning, and the rest answering thereunto, as Neemias did.

24 And the prayer was after this manner; O Lord, Lord God, Creator of all things, who art fearful and strong, and righteous, and merciful, and the only and gracious King,

25 The only giver of all things, the only just, almighty, and everlasting, thou that deliverest Israel from all trouble, and didst choose the fathers, and sanctify them:

26 Receive the sacrifice for thy whole people Israel, and preserve thine own portion, and sanctify it.

27 Gather those together that are scattered from us, deliver them that serve among the heathen, look upon them that are despised and abhorred, and let the heathen know that thou art our God.

28 Punish them that oppress us, and with pride do us wrong.

29 Plant thy people again in thy holy place, ^aas Moses hath spoken.

30 And the priests sung psalms of thanksgiving.

31 Now when the sacrifice was consumed, Neemias commanded the water

that was left to be poured on the great stones.

32 When this was done, there was kindled a flame: but it was consumed by the light that shined from the altar.

33 So when this matter was known, it was told the king of Persia, that in the place, where the priests that were led away had hid the fire, there appeared water, and that ^{||}Neemias had purified the sacrifices therewith.

^{||} Or, Neemias his company.

34 Then the king, inclosing the place, made it holy, after he had tried the matter.

35 And the king took many gifts, and bestowed thereof on those whom he would gratify.

36 And Neemias called this thing Naphthar, which is as much as to say, a cleansing: but many men call it Nephi.

CHAP. II.

¹ What Jeremy the prophet did. ⁵ How he hid the tabernacle, the ark, and the altar. ¹³ What Neemias and Judas wrote. ²⁰ What Jason wrote in five books: ²⁵ and how those were abridged by the author of this book.

IT is also found in the records, that Jeremy the prophet commanded them that were carried away to take of the fire, ^aas it hath been signified:

^a ch. i. 19.

2 And how that the prophet, having given them the law, charged them not to forget the commandments of the Lord, and that they should not err in their minds, ^bwhen they see images of silver and gold, with their ornaments.

^b Bar. 6. 4.

3 And with other such speeches exhorted he them, that the law should not depart from their hearts.

4 It was also contained in the same writing, that the prophet, being warned of God, commanded the tabernacle and the ark to go with him, as he went forth into ^cthe mountain, where Moses climbed up, and saw the heritage of God.

^c Deut. 32. 49.

5 And when Jeremy came thither, he found an hollow cave, wherein he laid the tabernacle, and the ark, and the altar of incense, and so stopped the door.

6 And some of those that followed him came to mark the way, but they could not find it.

7 Which when Jeremy perceived, he blamed them, saying, As for that place, it shall be unknown until the time that

^a Deut. 30. 5. ch. 2. 18.

God gather his people again together, and receive them unto mercy.

^d Ex. 34. 5. ^e 1 Kings 8. 10. 8 Then shall the Lord shew them these things, and the glory of the Lord shall appear, and the cloud also, ^d as it was shewed under Moses, and ^e as when Solomon desired that the place might be honourably sanctified.

^f 1 Kings 8. 62, &c. 9 It was also declared, that he being wise ^f offered the sacrifice of dedication, and of the finishing of the temple.

^g Lev. 9. 23, 24. ^h 2 Chron. 7. 1. 10 And ^g as when Moses prayed unto the Lord, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the sacrifices: even ^h so prayed Solomon also, and the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offerings.

ⁱ Lev. 10. 16, &c. 11 And ⁱ Moses said, Because the sin offering was not to be eaten, it was consumed.

12 So Solomon kept those eight days.

13 The same things also were reported in the writings and commentaries of Neemias; and how he founding a library gathered together the acts of the kings, and the prophets, and of David, and the epistles of the kings concerning the holy gifts.

^{||} Or, fell out during the war. 14 In like manner also Judas gathered together all those things that ^{||} were lost by reason of the war we had, and they remain with us.

15 Wherefore if ye have need thereof, send some to fetch them unto you.

^k ch. 1. 18. 16 Whereas we then ^k are about to celebrate the purification, we have written unto you, and ye shall do well, if ye keep the same days.

[†] Gr. Now God it is that saved all his people, and rendered the heritage, and the kingdom, and the priesthood, and the sanctuary, as he promised in the law: for we hope in God that he will shortly, &c. 17 [†] We hope also, that the God, that delivered all his people, and gave them all an heritage, and the kingdom, and the priesthood, and the sanctuary,

18 [†] As he promised in the law, will shortly have mercy upon us, and gather us together out of every land under heaven into the holy place: for he hath delivered us out of great troubles, and hath purified the place.

[†] ch. 1. 29. 19 Now as concerning Judas Maccabeus, and his brethren, and the purification of the great temple, and the dedication of the altar,

^m ch. 3. 24. & 5. 2. & 10. 29. & 11. 8. & 15. 12. 20 And the wars against Antiochus Epiphanes, and Eupator his son,

21 And ⁿ the manifest signs that came

from heaven unto those that behaved themselves manfully to their honour for Judaism: so that, being but a few, they overcame the whole country, and chased barbarous multitudes,

22 And recovered again the temple renowned all the world over, and freed the city, and upheld the laws which were going down, the Lord being gracious unto them with all favour:

23 *All these things, I say, being declared by Jason of Cyrene in five books, we will assay to abridge in one volume.*

24 For considering the infinite number, and the difficulty which they find that desire to look into the narrations of the story, for the variety of the matter,

25 We have been careful, that they that will read may have delight, and that they that are desirous to commit to memory might have ease, and that all into whose hands it comes might have profit.

26 Therefore to us, that have taken upon us this painful labour of abridging, it was not easy, but a matter of sweat and watching;

27 Even as it is no ease unto him that prepareth a banquet, and seeketh the benefit of others: yet ^{||} for the pleasuring of many we will undertake gladly this great pains;

^{||} Or, to deserve well of many.

28 Leaving to the author the exact handling of every particular, and labouring to follow the rules of an abridgement.

29 For as the master builder of a new house must care for the whole building; but he that undertaketh to set it out, and paint it, must seek out fit things for the adorning thereof: even so I think it is with us.

30 To stand upon every point, and go over things at large, and to be curious in particulars, belongeth to the first author of the story:

31 But to use brevity, and avoid much labouring of the work, is to be granted to him that will make an abridgement.

32 Here then will we begin the story: only adding thus much to that which hath been said, that it is a foolish thing to make a long prologue, and to be short in the story itself.

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CHAP. III.

1 *Of the honour done to the temple by the kings of the Gentiles.* 4 *Simon uttereth what treasures are in the temple.* 7 *Heliodorus is sent to take them away.* 24 *He is stricken of God, and healed at the prayer of Onias.*

NOW when the holy city was inhabited with all peace, and the laws were kept very well, because of the godliness of Onias the high priest, and his hatred of wickedness,

2 It came to pass that even the kings themselves did honour the place, and magnify the temple with their best gifts;

3 Inasmuch that Seleucus king of Asia of his own revenues bare all the costs belonging to the service of the sacrifices.

4 But one Simon of the tribe of Benjamin, who was made governor of the temple, fell out with the high priest about disorder in the city.

5 And when he could not overcome Onias, he gat him to Apollonius *the son of Thraseas*, who then was governor of Celosyria and Phenice,

6 And told him that the treasury in Jerusalem was full of infinite sums of money, so that the multitude of their riches, which did not pertain to the account of the sacrifices, was innumerable, and that it was possible to bring all into the king's hand.

7 Now when Apollonius came to the king, and had shewed him of the money whereof he was told, the king chose out Heliodorus his treasurer, and sent him with a commandment to bring him the foresaid money.

8 So forthwith Heliodorus took his journey, under a colour of visiting the cities of Celosyria and Phenice, but indeed to fulfil the king's purpose.

9 And when he was come to Jerusalem, and had been courteously received of the high priest of the city, he told him what intelligence was given of the money, and declared wherefore he came, and asked if these things were so indeed.

10 Then the high priest told him that there was such money laid up for the relief of widows and fatherless children:

11 And that some of it belonged to Hircanus *son of Tobias*, a man of great dignity, and not as that wicked Simon

had misinformed: the sum whereof in all was four hundred talents of silver, and two hundred of gold:

12 And that it was altogether impossible that such wrongs should be done unto them, that had committed it to the holiness of the place, and to the majesty and inviolable sanctity of the temple, honoured over all the world.

13 But Heliodorus, because of the king's commandment given him, said, That in any wise it must be brought into the king's treasury.

14 So at the day which he appointed he entered in to order this matter: wherefore there was no small agony throughout the whole city.

15 But the priests, prostrating themselves before the altar in their priests' vestments, called unto heaven upon him that ^amade a law concerning things given to be kept, that they should safely be preserved for such as had committed them to be kept. ^{* Ex. 22. 7. &c.}

16 Then whoso had looked the high priest in the face, it would have wounded his heart: for his countenance and the changing of his colour declared the inward agony of his mind.

17 For the man was so compassed with fear and horror of the body, that it was manifest to them that looked upon him, what sorrow he had now in his heart.

18 Others ran flocking out of their houses || to the general supplication, because the place was like to come into contempt. ^{|| Or, to make general supplication.}

19 And the women, girt with sackcloth under their breasts, abounded in the streets, and the virgins that were kept in ran, some to the gates, and some to the walls, and others looked out of the windows.

20 And all, holding their hands toward heaven, made supplication.

21 Then it would have pitied a man to see the falling down of the multitude of all sorts, and the [†]fear of the high priest, being in such an agony. ^{† Gr. expectation.}

22 They then called upon the Almighty Lord to keep the things committed of trust safe and sure for those that had committed them.

23 Nevertheless Heliodorus executed that which was decreed.

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|| Or,
Lord of our
fathers.

24 Now as he was there present himself with his guard about the treasury, the || Lord of spirits, and the Prince of all power, caused a great apparition, so that all that presumed to come in with him were astonished at the power of God, and fainted, and were sore afraid.

25 For there appeared unto them an horse with a terrible rider upon him, and adorned with a very fair covering, and he ran fiercely, and smote at Heliodorus with his forefeet, and it seemed that he that sat upon the horse had complete harness of gold.

26 Moreover two other young men appeared before him, notable in strength, excellent in beauty, and comely in apparel, who stood by him on either side, and scourged him continually, and gave him many sore stripes.

27 And Heliodorus fell suddenly unto the ground, and was compassed with great darkness: but they that were with him took him up, and put him into a litter.

28 Thus him, that lately came with a great train and with all his guard into the said treasury, they carried out, being unable to help himself with his weapons: and manifestly they acknowledged the power of God:

29 For he by the hand of God was cast down, and lay speechless without all hope of life.

30 But they praised the Lord, that had miraculously honoured his own place: for the temple, which a little afore was full of fear and trouble, when the Almighty Lord appeared, was filled with joy and gladness.

31 Then straightways certain of Heliodorus' friends prayed Onias, that he would call upon the most High to grant him his life, who lay ready to give up the ghost.

32 So the high priest, suspecting lest the king should misconceive that some treachery had been done to Heliodorus by the Jews, offered a sacrifice for the health of the man.

33 Now as the high priest was making an atonement, the same young men in the same clothing appeared and stood beside Heliodorus, saying, Give Onias the high priest great thanks, insomuch

as for his sake the Lord hath granted thee life:

34 And seeing that thou hast been scourged from heaven, declare unto all men the mighty power of God. And when they had spoken these words, they appeared no more.

35 So Heliodorus, after he had offered sacrifice unto the Lord, and made great vows unto him that had saved his life, and saluted Onias, returned with his host to the king.

36 Then testified he to all men the works of the great God, which he had seen with his eyes.

37 And when the king asked Heliodorus, who might be a fit man to be sent yet once again to Jerusalem, he said,

38 If thou hast any enemy or traitor, send him thither, and thou shalt receive him well scourged, if he escape with his life: for in that place, no doubt, there is an especial power of God.

39 For he that dwelleth in heaven hath his eye on that place, and defendeth it; and he beateth and destroyeth them that come to hurt it.

40 And the things concerning Heliodorus, and the keeping of the treasury, fell out on this sort.

CHAP. IV.

1 Simon slandereth Onias. 7 Jason, by corrupting the king, obtaineth the office of the high priest. 24 Menelaus getteth the same from Jason by the like corruption. 34 Andronicus traitorously murdereth Onias. 36 The king being informed thereof, causeth Andronicus to be put to death. 39 The wickedness of Lysimachus, by the instigation of Menelaus.

THIS Simon now, * of whom we spake afore, having been a bewrayer of the money, and of his country, slandered Onias, as if he had terrified Heliodorus, and been the worker of these evils. cir. 187.
* ch. 3. 4.

2 Thus was he bold to call him a traitor, that had deserved well of the city, and tendered his own nation, and was so zealous of the laws.

3 But when their hatred went so far, that by one of Simon's faction murders were committed,

4 Onias seeing the danger of this contention, and that Apollonius, as being the governor of Celosyria and Phenice, did rage, and increase Simon's malice,

5 He went to the king, not to be an

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accuser of his countrymen, but seeking the good of all, both publick and private:

6 For he saw that it was impossible that the state should continue quiet, and Simon leave his folly, unless the king did look thereunto.

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7 But after the death of Seleucus, when Antiochus, called Epiphanes, took the kingdom, Jason the brother of Onias laboured underhand to be high priest,

8 Promising unto the king by intercession three hundred and threescore talents of silver, and of another revenue eighty talents:

b 1 Mac. 1.
14.

9 Beside this, he promised to assign an hundred and fifty more, if he might have licence to set him up ^ba place for exercise, and for the training up of youth in the fashions of the heathen, and to write them of Jerusalem *by the name of* Antiochians.

10 Which when the king had granted, and he had gotten into his hand the rule, he forthwith brought his own nation to the Greekish fashion.

c See
1 Mac. 8. 17.

11 And the royal privileges granted of special favour to the Jews by the means of ^cJohn the father of Eupolemus, who went ambassador to Rome for amity and aid, he took away; and putting down the governments which were according to the law, he brought up new customs against the law:

12 For he built gladly a place of exercise under the tower itself, and brought the chief young men under his subjection, and made them wear a hat.

13 Now such was the height of Greek fashions, and increase of heathenish manners, through the exceeding profaneness of Jason, that ungodly wretch, and no high priest;

14 That the priests had no courage to serve any more at the altar, but despising the temple, and neglecting the sacrifices, hastened to be partakers of the unlawful allowance in the place of exercise, after the game of *Discus* called them forth;

|| Or, the
Discus,
which was
a stone with
an hole in
the midst.

15 Not setting by the honours of their fathers, but liking the glory of the Grecians best of all.

16 By reason whereof sore calamity came upon them: for they had them to

be their enemies and avengers, whose custom they followed so earnestly, and unto whom they desired to be like in all things.

17 For it is not a light thing to do wickedly against the laws of God: but the time following shall declare these things.

18 Now when the game that was used every fifth year was kept at Tyrus, the king being present,

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19 This ungracious Jason sent [†]special messengers from Jerusalem, who were Antiochians, to carry three hundred drachms of silver to the sacrifice of Hercules, which even the bearers thereof thought fit not to bestow upon the sacrifice, because it was not convenient, but to be reserved for other charges.

† Gr. who
were reli-
gious am-
bassadors.

20 This money then, in regard of the sender, was appointed to Hercules' sacrifice; but because of the bearers thereof, it was employed to the making of gallies.

21 Now when Apollonius the *son* of Menestheus was sent into Egypt for the *coronation* of king *Ptolemeus* Philometor, Antiochus, understanding him not to be well affected to his affairs, provided for his own safety: whereupon he came to Joppe, and from thence to Jerusalem:

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|| Or, en-
thronising.

22 Where he was honourably received of Jason, and of the city, and was brought in with torch light, and with great shoutings: and so afterward went with his host unto Phenice.

23 Three years afterward Jason sent Menelaus, the aforesaid Simon's brother, to bear the money unto the king, and to put him in mind of certain necessary matters.

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24 But he being brought to the presence of the king, when he had magnified him for the glorious appearance of his power, got the priesthood to himself, offering more than Jason by three hundred talents of silver.

25 So he came with the king's mandate, bringing nothing worthy the high priesthood, but having the fury of a cruel tyrant, and the rage of a savage beast.

26 Then Jason, who had undermined his own brother, being undermined by

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another, was compelled to flee into the country of the Ammonites.

27 So Menelaus got the principality: but as for the money that he had promised unto the king, he took no good order for it, albeit Sostratus the ruler of the castle required it:

28 For unto him appertained the gathering of the customs. Wherefore they were both called before the king.

29 Now Menelaus left his brother Lysimachus in his stead in the priesthood; and Sostratus left Crates, who was governor of the Cyprians.

30 While those things were in doing, they of Tarsus and Mallos made insurrection, because they were given to the king's concubine, called Antiochis.

31 Then came the king in all haste to appease matters, leaving Andronicus, a man in authority, for his deputy.

32 Now Menelaus, supposing that he had gotten a convenient time, stole certain vessels of gold out of the temple, and gave some of them to Andronicus, and some he sold into Tyrus and the cities round about.

33 Which when Onias knew of a surety, he reproved him, and withdrew himself into a sanctuary at Daphne, that lieth by Antiochia.

34 Wherefore Menelaus, taking Andronicus apart, prayed him to get Onias into his hands; who being persuaded thereunto, and coming to Onias in deceit, gave him his right hand with oaths; and though he were suspected by him, yet persuaded he him to come forth of the sanctuary: whom forthwith he shut up without regard of justice.

35 For the which cause not only the Jews, but many also of other nations, took great indignation, and were much grieved for the unjust murder of the man.

36 And when the king was come again from the places about Cilicia, the Jews that were in the city, and certain of the Greeks that abhorred the fact also, complained because Onias was slain without cause.

37 Therefore Antiochus was heartily sorry, and moved to pity, and wept, because of the sober and modest behaviour of him that was dead.

38 And being kindled with anger, forthwith he took away Andronicus his purple, and rent off his clothes, and leading him through the whole city unto that very place, where he had committed impiety against Onias, there slew he the cursed murderer. Thus the Lord rewarded him his punishment, as he had deserved.

39 Now when many sacrileges had been committed in the city by Lysimachus with the consent of Menelaus, and the bruit thereof was spread abroad, the multitude gathered themselves together against Lysimachus, many vessels of gold being already carried away.

40 Whereupon the common people rising, and being filled with rage, Lysimachus armed about three thousand men, and began first to offer violence; one || Auranus being the leader, a man far gone in years, and no less in folly.

41 They then seeing the attempt of Lysimachus, some of them caught stones, some clubs, others taking handfuls of dust, that was next at hand, cast them all together upon Lysimachus, and those that set upon them.

42 Thus many of them they wounded, and some they struck to the ground, and all of them they forced to flee: but as for the churchrobber himself, him they killed beside the treasury.

43 Of these matters therefore there was an accusation laid against Menelaus.

44 Now when the king came to Tyrus, three men that were sent from the senate pleaded the cause before him:

45 But Menelaus, being now convicted, promised ^d Ptolemee the son of Dorymenes to give him much money, if he would pacify the king toward him.

46 Whereupon Ptolemee taking the king aside into a certain gallery, as it were to take the air, brought him to be of another mind:

47 Insomuch that he discharged Menelaus from the accusations, who notwithstanding was cause of all the mischief: and those poor men, who, if they had told their cause, yea, before the Scythians, should have been judged innocent, them he condemned to death.

48 Thus they that followed the mat-

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cir. 170.

|| Or,
Tyrannus.

d 1 Mac. 3.
38.

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cir. 170.

ter for the city, and for the people, and for the holy vessels, did soon suffer unjust punishment.

49 Wherefore even they of Tyrus, moved with hatred of that wicked deed, caused them to be honourably buried.

50 And so through the covetousness of them that were of power Menelaus remained still in authority, increasing in malice, and being a great traitor to the citizens.

CHAP. V.

2 *Of the signs and tokens seen in Jerusalem.* 6 *Of the end and wickedness of Jason.* 11 *The pursuit of Antiochus against the Jews.* 15 *The spoiling of the temple.* 27 *Maccabeus fleeth into the wilderness.*

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ABOUT the same time Antiochus prepared his second voyage into Egypt:

2 And then it happened, that through all the city, for the space almost of forty days, there were seen horsemen running in the air, in cloth of gold, and armed with lances, like a band of soldiers,

3 And troops of horsemen in array, encountering and running one against another, with shaking of shields, and multitude of *||* pikes, and drawing of swords, and casting of darts, and glittering of golden ornaments, and harness of all sorts.

|| Or, staves.

4 Wherefore every man prayed that that apparition might turn to good.

5 Now when there was gone forth a false rumour, as though Antiochus had been dead, Jason took at the least a thousand men, and suddenly made an assault upon the city; and they that were upon the walls being put back, and the city at length taken, Menelaus fled into the castle:

6 But Jason slew his own citizens without mercy, not considering that to get the day of them of his own nation would be a most unhappy day for him; but thinking they had been *his* enemies, and not *his* countrymen, whom he conquered.

7 Howbeit for all this he obtained not the principality, but at the last received shame for the reward of his treason, and fled again into the country of the Ammonites.

8 In the end therefore he had an unhappy return, being accused before Aretas the king of the Arabians, fleeing

from city to city, pursued of all men, hated as a forsaker of the laws, and being had in abomination as an open *||* enemy of his country and countrymen, he was cast out into Egypt.

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|| Or, executioner.

9 Thus he that had driven many out of their country perished in a strange land, retiring to the Lacedemonians, and thinking *there* to find succour by reason of his kindred:

10 And he that had cast out many unburied had none to mourn for him, nor any solemn funerals at all, nor sepulchre with his fathers.

11 Now when this that was done came to the king's ear, he thought that Judea had revolted: whereupon ^a removing out of Egypt in a furious mind, he took the city by force of arms,

^a 1 Mac. 1. 10, &c.

12 And commanded his men of war not to spare such as they met, and to slay such as went up upon the houses.

13 Thus there was killing of young and old, making away of men, women, and children, slaying of virgins and infants.

14 And there were destroyed within the space of three whole days fourscore thousand, whereof forty thousand were slain in the conflict; and no fewer sold than slain.

15 Yet was he not content with this, but presumed to go into the most holy temple of all the world; Menelaus, that traitor to the laws, and to his own country, being his guide:

16 And taking the holy vessels with polluted hands, and with profane hands pulling down the things that were dedicated by other kings to the augmentation and glory and honour of the place, he gave them away.

17 And so haughty was Antiochus in mind, that he considered not that the Lord was angry for a while for the sins of them that dwelt in the city, and therefore his eye was not upon the place.

18 For had they not been formerly wrapped in many sins, this man, as soon as he had come, had forthwith been scourged, and put back from his presumption, ^b as Heliodorus was, whom Seleucus the king sent to view the treasury.

^b ch. 3. 25, 26.

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19 Nevertheless God did not choose the people for the place's sake, but the place for the people's sake.

20 And therefore the place itself, that was partaker with them of the adversity that happened to the nation, did afterward communicate in the benefits sent from the Lord: and as it was forsaken in the wrath of the Almighty, so again, the great Lord being reconciled, it was set up with all glory.

21 So when Antiochus had carried out of the temple a thousand and eight hundred talents, he departed in all haste unto Antiochia, weening in his pride to make the land navigable, and the sea passable by foot: such was the haughtiness of his mind.

1 Mac. 1.
51.

22 And ^che left governors to vex the nation: at Jerusalem, Philip, for his country a Phrygian, and for manners more barbarous than he that set him there;

23 And at Garizim, Andronicus; and besides, Menelaus, who worse than all the rest bare an heavy hand over the citizens, having a malicious mind against his countrymen the Jews.

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d 1 Mac. 1.
29.

24 He sent also ^dthat detestable ring-leader Apollonius with an army of two and twenty thousand, commanding him to slay all those that were in their best age, and to sell the women and the younger sort:

25 Who coming to Jerusalem, and pretending peace, did forbear till the holy day of the sabbath, when taking the Jews keeping holy day, he commanded his men to arm themselves.

26 And so he slew all them that were gone to the celebrating of the sabbath, and running through the city with weapons slew great multitudes.

+ Gr.
who was
the tenth.

1 Mac. 1.
53.
Heb. 11. 38.

27 But Judas Maccabeus ⁺with nine others, or thereabout, ^ewithdrew himself into the wilderness, and lived in the mountains after the manner of beasts, with his company, who fed on herbs continually, lest they should be partakers of the pollution.

CHAP. VI.

¹ The Jews are compelled to leave the law of God. ⁴ The temple is defiled. ⁸ Cruelty upon the people and the women. ¹² An exhortation to bear affliction, by the example of the valiant courage of Eleazarus, cruelly tortured.

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|| Antioch:
the Latin in-
terpreters.

NOT long after this the king sent an old man of || Athens to compel the Jews to depart from the laws of their fathers, and not to live after the laws of God:

2 And to pollute also the temple in Jerusalem, and to call it the temple of Jupiter Olympius; and that in Garizim, of Jupiter the Defender of strangers, || as they did desire that dwelt in the place.

|| Out of Jo-
seph. lib. 12.
cap. 7. or, as
they were.

3 The coming in of this mischief was sore and grievous to the people:

4 For the temple was filled with riot and revelling by the Gentiles, who dallied with harlots, and had to do with women within the circuit of the holy places, and besides that brought in things that were not lawful.

5 ^aThe altar also was filled with profane things, which the law forbiddeth.

1 Mac. 1.
47.

6 Neither was it lawful for a man to keep sabbath days or ancient feasts, or to profess himself at all to be a Jew.

7 And in the day of the king's birth every month they were brought by bitter constraint to eat of the sacrifices; and when the feast of Bacchus was kept, the Jews were compelled to go in procession to Bacchus, carrying ivy.

8 Moreover there went out a decree to the neighbour cities of the ⁺heathen, by the suggestion of Ptolemee, against the Jews, that they should observe the same fashions, and be partakers of their sacrifices:

+ Gr.
Grecians.

9 And whoso would not conform themselves to the manners of the Gentiles should be put to death. Then might a man have seen the present misery.

10 For ^bthere were two women brought, who had circumcised their children; whom when they had openly led round about the city, the babes hanging at their breasts, they cast them down headlong from the wall.

b 1 Mac. 1.
60.

11 And others, that had run together into caves near by, to keep the sabbath day secretly, being discovered to Philip, were all burnt together, because they made a conscience to help themselves for the honour of the most sacred day.

12 Now I beseech those that read this book, that they be not discouraged

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for these calamities, but that they judge those punishments not to be for destruction, but for a chastening of our nation.

13 For it is a token of his great goodness, when wicked doers are not suffered any long time, but forthwith punished.

14 For not as with other nations, whom the Lord patiently forbearcth to punish, till they be come to the fulness of their sins, so dealeth he with us,

15 Lest that, being come to the height of sin, afterwards he should take vengeance of us.

16 And therefore he never withdraweth his mercy from us: and though he punish with adversity, yet doth he never forsake his people.

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17 But let this that we have spoken be for a warning unto us. And now will we come to the declaring of the matter in few words.

18 Eleazar, one of the principal scribes, an aged man, and of a well favoured countenance, was constrained to open his mouth, and to eat swine's flesh.

^c Heb. 11.
35.

19 But he, choosing rather to die gloriously, than to live stained with such an abomination, spit it forth, and came of his own accord to the torment,

20 As it behoved them to come, that are resolute to stand out against such things, as are not lawful for love of life to be tasted.

21 But they that had the charge of that wicked feast, for the old acquaintance they had with the man, taking him aside, besought him to bring flesh of his own provision, such as was lawful for him to use, and make as if he did eat of the flesh taken from the sacrifice commanded by the king;

22 That in so doing he might be delivered from death, and for the old friendship with them find favour.

23 But he began to consider discreetly, and as became his age, and the excellency of his ancient years, and the honour of his gray head, whereunto he was come, and his most honest education from a child, or rather the holy law made and given by God: therefore he answered accordingly, and willed them straightways to send him to the grave.

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24 For it becometh not our age, *said he*, in any wise to dissemble, whereby many young persons might think that Eleazar, being fourscore years old and ten, were now gone to a strange religion;

25 And so they through mine hypocrisy, and desire to live a little time and a moment longer, should be deceived by me, and I get a stain to mine old age, and make it abominable.

26 For though for the present time I should be delivered from the punishment of men: yet should I not escape the hand of the Almighty, neither alive, nor dead.

27 Wherefore now, manfully changing this life, I will shew myself such an one as mine age requireth,

28 And leave a notable example to such as be young to die willingly and courageously for the honourable and holy laws. And when he had said these words, immediately he went to the torment:

29 They that led him changing the good will they bare him a little before into hatred, because the foresaid speeches proceeded, as they thought, from *||* a desperate mind.

|| Or,
madness,
or, pride.

30 But when he was ready to die with stripes, he groaned, and said, It is manifest unto the Lord, that hath the holy knowledge, that whereas I might have been delivered from death, I *now* endure sore pains in body by being beaten: but in soul am well content to suffer these things, because I fear him.

31 And thus this man died, leaving his death for an example of a noble courage, and a memorial of virtue, not only unto young men, but unto all his nation.

CHAP. VII.

The constancy and cruel death of seven brethren and their mother in one day, because they would not eat swine's flesh at the king's commandment.

IT came to pass also, that seven brethren with their mother were taken, and compelled by the king against the law to taste swine's flesh, and were tormented with scourges and whips.

2 But one of them that spake first said thus, What wouldest thou ask or

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learn of us? we are ready to die, rather than to transgress the laws of our fathers.

3 Then the king, being in a rage, commanded pans and caldrons to be made hot:

4 Which forthwith being heated, he commanded to cut out the tongue of him that spake first, and to cut off the utmost parts of his body, the rest of his brethren and his mother looking on.

5 Now when he was thus maimed in all his members, he commanded him being yet alive to be brought to the fire, and to be fried in the pan: and as the vapour of the pan was for a good space dispersed, they exhorted one another with the mother to die manfully, saying thus,

a Deut. 32.
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6 The Lord God looketh upon us, and in truth hath comfort in us, as ^a Moses in his song, which witnessed to their faces, declared, saying, And he shall be comforted in his servants.

7 So when the first was dead after this manner, they brought the second to make him a mocking stock: and when they had pulled off the skin of his head with the hair, they asked him, Wilt thou eat, before thou be punished throughout every member of thy body?

8 But he answered in his own language, and said, No. Wherefore he also received the next torment in order, as the former did.

9 And when he was at the last gasp, he said, Thou like a fury takest us out of this present life, but the King of the world shall raise us up, who have died for his laws, unto everlasting life.

10 After him was the third made a mocking stock: and when he was required, he put out his tongue, and that right soon, holding forth his hands manfully,

11 And said courageously, These I had from heaven; and for his laws I despise them; and from him I hope to receive them again.

12 Insomuch that the king, and they that were with him, marvelled at the young man's courage, for that he nothing regarded the pains.

13 Now when this man was dead also,

they tormented and mangled the fourth in like manner.

14 So when he was ready to die he said thus, It is good, being put to death by men, to look for hope from God to be raised up again by him: as for thee, thou shalt have no resurrection to life.

15 Afterward they brought the fifth also, and mangled him.

16 Then looked he unto the king, and said, Thou hast power over men, thou art corruptible, thou doest what thou wilt; yet think not that our nation is forsaken of God;

17 But abide a while, and behold his great power, how he will torment thee and thy seed.

18 After him also they brought the sixth, who being ready to die said, Be not deceived without cause: for we suffer these things for ourselves, having sinned against our God: therefore marvellous things are done *unto us*.

19 But think not thou, that takest in hand to strive against God, that thou shalt escape unpunished.

20 But the mother was marvellous above all, and worthy of honourable memory: for when she saw her seven sons slain within the space of one day, she bare it with a good courage, because of the hope that she had in the Lord.

21 Yea, she exhorted every one of them in her own language, filled with courageous spirits; and stirring up her womanish thoughts with a manly stomach, she said unto them,

22 I cannot tell how ye came into my womb; for I neither gave you breath nor life, neither was it I that formed the members of every one of you;

23 But doubtless the Creator of the world, who formed the generation of man, and found out the beginning of all things, will also of his own mercy give you breath and life again, as ye now regard not your own selves for his laws' sake.

24 Now Antiochus, thinking himself despised, and suspecting it to be a reproachful speech, whilst the youngest was yet alive, did not only exhort him by words, but also assured him with

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oaths, that he would make him both a rich and a happy man, if he would turn from the laws of his fathers; and that also he would take him for his friend, and trust him with affairs.

25 But when the young man would in no case hearken unto him, the king called his mother, and exhorted her that she would counsel the young man to save his life.

26 And when he had exhorted her with many words, she promised him that she would counsel her son.

27 But she bowing herself toward him, laughing the cruel tyrant to scorn, spake in her country language on this manner; O my son, have pity upon me that bare thee nine months in my womb, and gave thee suck three years, and nourished thee, and brought thee up unto this age, and endured the troubles of education.

28 I beseech thee, my son, look upon the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, and consider that ^bGod made them of things that were not; and so was mankind made likewise.

29 Fear not this tormentor, but, being worthy of thy brethren, take thy death, that I may receive thee again in mercy with thy brethren.

30 Whiles she was yet speaking these words, the young man said, Whom wait ye for? I will not obey the king's commandment: but I will obey the commandment of the law that was given unto our fathers by Moses.

31 And thou, that hast been the author of all mischief against the Hebrews, shalt not escape the hands of God.

32 For we suffer because of our sins.

33 And though the living Lord be angry with us a little while for our chastening and correction, yet shall he be at one again with his servants.

34 But thou, O godless man, and of all other most wicked, be not lifted up without a cause, nor puffed up with uncertain hopes, lifting up thy hand against the servants of God:

35 For thou hast not yet escaped the judgment of Almighty God, who seeth all things.

36 For our brethren, who now have

suffered a short pain, are dead under God's covenant of everlasting life: but thou, through the judgment of God, shalt receive just punishment for thy pride.

37 But I, as my brethren, offer up my body and life for the laws of our fathers, beseeching God that he would speedily be merciful unto our nation; and that ^cthou by torments and plagues mayest confess, that he alone is God;

38 And that in me and my brethren the wrath of the Almighty, which is justly brought upon all our nation, may cease.

39 Then the king, being in a rage, handled him worse than all the rest, and took it grievously that he was mocked.

40 So this man died undefiled, and put his whole trust in the Lord.

41 Last of all after the sons the mother died.

42 Let this be enough now to have spoken concerning the idolatrous feasts, and the extreme tortures.

CHAP. VIII.

¹ Judas gathereth an host. ⁹ Nicanor is sent against him: who presumeth to make much money of his prisoners. ¹⁶ Judas encourageth his men, and putteth Nicanor to flight, ²⁸ and divideth the spoils. ³⁰ Other enemies are also defeated, ³⁵ and Nicanor fleeth with grief to Antioch.

THEN Judas Maccabeus, and they that were with him, went privily into the towns, and called their kinsfolks together, and took unto them all such as continued in the Jews' religion, and assembled about six thousand men.

2 And they called upon the Lord, that he would look upon the people that was trodden down of all; and also pity the temple profaned of ungodly men;

3 And that he would have compassion upon the city, sore defaced, and ready to be made even with the ground; and hear the blood that cried unto him,

4 And remember the wicked slaughter of harmless infants, and the blasphemies committed against his name; and that he would shew his hatred against the wicked.

5 Now when Maccabeus had his company about him, he could not be with-

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^c 1 Mac. 6. 13.
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stood by the heathen: for the wrath of the Lord was turned into mercy.

6 Therefore he came at unawares, and burnt up towns and cities, and got into his hands the most commodious places, and overcame and put to flight no small number of his enemies.

7 But specially took he advantage of the night for such privy attempts, in-somuch that the bruit of his manliness was spread every where.

8 So when Philip saw that this man increased by little and little, and that things prospered with him still more and more, he wrote unto Ptolemeus, the governor of Celosyria and Phenice, to yield more aid to the king's affairs.

9 Then forthwith choosing Nicanor the son of Patroclus, one of his special friends, he sent him with no fewer than twenty thousand of all nations under him, to root out the whole generation of the Jews; and with him he joined also Gorgias a captain, who in matters of war had great experience.

10 So Nicanor undertook to make so much money of ^athe captive Jews, as should defray the tribute of two thousand talents, which the king was to pay to the Romans.

^a1 Mac. 3. 41.
ver. 25, 34.

11 Wherefore immediately he sent to the cities upon the sea coast, proclaiming a sale of the captive Jews, and promising that they should have fourscore and ten bodies for one talent, not expecting the vengeance that was to follow upon him from the Almighty God.

12 Now when word was brought unto Judas of Nicanor's coming, and he had imparted unto those that were with him that the army was at hand,

^b1 Mac. 3. 56.

13 ^bThey that were fearful, and distrusted the justice of God, fled, and conveyed themselves away.

14 Others sold all that they had left, and withal besought the Lord to deliver them, being sold by the wicked Nicanor before they met together:

15 And if not for their own sakes, yet for the covenants he had made with their fathers, and for his holy and glorious name's sake, by which they were called.

16 So Maccabeus called his men together unto the number of six thousand,

and exhorted them ^cnot to be stricken with terror of the enemy, nor to fear the great multitude of the heathen, who came wrongfully against them; but to fight manfully,

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^c1 Mac. 4. 8.

17 And to set before their eyes the injury that they had unjustly done to the holy place, and the cruel handling of the city, whereof they made a mockery, and also the taking away of the government of their forefathers:

18 For they, said he, trust in their weapons and boldness; but our confidence is in the Almighty God, who at a beck can cast down both them that come against us, and also all the world.

19 Moreover he recounted unto them what helps their forefathers had found, and ^dhow they were delivered, when under Sennacherib an hundred fourscore and five thousand perished.

^d1 Mac. 7. 41.
ch. 15. 22.

20 And he told them of the battle that they had in Babylon with the Galatians, how they came but eight thousand in all to the business, with four thousand Macedonians, and that the Macedonians being perplexed, the eight thousand destroyed an hundred and twenty thousand because of the help that they had from heaven, and so received a great booty.

21 Thus when he had made them bold with these words, and ready to die for the laws and the country, he divided his army into four parts;

22 And joined with himself his own brethren, leaders of each band, *to wit*, Simon, and Joseph, and Jonathan, giving each one fifteen hundred men.

23 Also *he appointed* Eleazar to read the holy book: and when he had given them this watchword, The help of God; himself leading the first band, he joined battle with Nicanor.

24 And by the help of the Almighty they slew above nine thousand of their enemies, and wounded and maimed the most part of Nicanor's host, and so put all to flight;

25 And took ^etheir money that came to buy them, and pursued them far: but lacking time they returned:

^ever. 10, 11,
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26 For it was the day before the sabbath, and therefore they would no longer pursue them.

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|| That is,
the enemies'
armour.

27 So when they had gathered || their armour together, and spoiled their enemies, they occupied themselves about the sabbath, yielding exceeding praise and thanks to the Lord, who had preserved them unto that day, which was the beginning of mercy distilling upon them.

28 And after the sabbath, when they had given part of the spoils to the || maimed, and the widows, and orphans, the residue they divided among themselves and their servants.

29 When this was done, and they had made a common supplication, they besought the merciful Lord to be reconciled with his servants for ever.

30 Moreover of those that were with Timotheus and Bacchides, who fought against them, they slew above twenty thousand, and very easily got high and strong holds, and divided among themselves many spoils more, and made the || maimed, orphans, widows, yea, and the aged also, equal in spoils with themselves.

31 And when they had gathered their armour together, they laid them up all carefully in convenient places, and the remnant of the spoils they brought to Jerusalem.

32 They slew also Philarches, that wicked person, who was with Timotheus, and had annoyed the Jews many ways.

33 Furthermore at such time as they kept the feast for the victory in their country they burnt Callisthenes, that had set fire upon the holy gates, who had fled into a little house; and so he received a reward meet for his wickedness.

34 As for that most ungracious Nicanor, who had brought a thousand merchants ^d to buy the Jews,

35 He was through the help of the Lord brought down by them, of whom he made least account; and putting off his glorious apparel, and discharging his company, he came like a fugitive servant through the midland unto Antioch, having very great dishonour, for that his host was destroyed.

36 Thus he, that ^e took upon him to make good to the Romans their tribute

by means of the captives in Jerusalem, told abroad, that the Jews had God to fight for them, and therefore they could not be hurt, because they followed the laws that he gave them.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Antiochus is chased from Persepolis. 5 He is stricken with a sore disease, 14 and promiseth to become a Jew. 28 He dieth miserably.*

ABOUT that time came Antiochus || with dishonour ^a out of the country of Persia.

2 For he had entered the city called Persepolis, and went about to rob the temple, and to hold the city; whereupon the multitude running to defend themselves with their weapons put them to flight; and so it happened, that Antiochus being put to flight of the inhabitants returned with shame.

3 Now when he came to Ecbatane, news was brought him what had happened unto Nicanor and Timotheus.

4 Then swelling with anger, he thought to avenge upon the Jews the disgrace done unto him by those that made him flee. Therefore commanded he his chariotman to drive without ceasing, and to dispatch the journey, the judgment of God now following him. For he had spoken proudly in this sort, That he would come to Jerusalem, and make it a common buryingplace of the Jews.

5 But the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, smote him with an incurable and invisible plague: for as soon as he had spoken these words, ^b a pain of the bowels that was remediless came upon him, and sore torments of the inner parts;

6 And that most justly: for he had tormented other men's bowels with many and strange torments.

7 Howbeit he nothing at all ceased from his bragging, but still was filled with pride, breathing out fire in his rage against the Jews, and commanding to haste the journey: but it came to pass that he fell down from his chariot, carried violently; so that having a sore fall, all the members of his body were much pained.

8 And thus he that a little afore thought he might command the waves

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|| Or,
disorderly.
^a 1 Mac. 6.
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^b 1 Mac. 6.
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|| Or,
lamed with
tortures.

|| Or, lamed.

^d ver. 25.

^e ver. 10.

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of the sea, (so proud was he beyond the condition of man) and weigh the high mountains in a balance, was now cast on the ground, and carried in an horselitter, shewing forth unto all the manifest power of God.

• Acts 12.
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9 So that the worms rose up out of the body of this wicked man, and whiles he lived in sorrow and pain, his flesh fell away, and the filthiness of his smell was noisome to all his army.

10 And the man, that thought a little afore he could reach to the stars of heaven, no man could endure to carry for his intolerable stink.

11 Here therefore, being plagued, he began to leave off his great pride, and to come to the knowledge of himself by the scourge of God, his pain increasing every moment.

12 And when he himself could not abide his own smell, he said these words, It is meet to be subject unto God, and that a man that is mortal should not proudly think of himself, as if he were God.

13 This wicked person vowed also unto the Lord, who now no more would have mercy upon him, saying thus,

14 That the holy city (to the which he was going in haste, to lay it even with the ground, and to make it a common buryingplace,) he would set at liberty:

15 And as touching the Jews, whom he had judged not worthy so much as to be buried, but to be cast out with their children to be devoured of the fowls and wild beasts, he would make them all equals to the citizens of Athens:

|| Or,
Antioch.

16 And the holy temple, which before he had spoiled, he would garnish with goodly gifts, and restore all the holy vessels with many more, and out of his own revenue defray the charges belonging to the sacrifices:

d So Ezra
6. 9. 1 Mac.
10. 39, 40.

17 Yea, and that also he would become a Jew himself, and go through all the world that was inhabited, and declare the power of God.

18 But for all this his pains would not cease: for the just judgment of God was come upon him: therefore despairing of his health, he wrote unto the Jews the letter underwritten, contain-

ing the form of a supplication, after this manner:

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19 Antiochus, king and governor, to the good Jews his citizens wisheth much joy, health, and prosperity:

20 If ye and your children fare well, and your affairs be to your contentment, I give very great thanks to God, having my hope in heaven.

21 As for me, I was weak, or else I would have remembered kindly your honour and good will. Returning out of Persia, and being taken with a grievous disease, I thought it necessary to care for the common safety of all:

22 Not distrusting mine health, but having great hope to escape this sickness.

23 But considering that even my father, at what time he led an army into the high countries, appointed a successor,

24 To the end that, if any thing fell out contrary to expectation, or if any tidings were brought that were grievous, they of the land, knowing to whom the state was left, might not be troubled:

|| Or, com-
mon affairs.

25 Again, considering how that the princes that are borderers and neighbours unto my kingdom wait for opportunities, and expect what shall be the event, I have appointed my son Antiochus king, whom I often committed and commended unto many of you, when I went up into the high provinces; to whom I have written as followeth:

26 Therefore I pray and request you to remember the benefits that I have done unto you generally, and in special, and that every man will be still faithful to me and my son.

27 For I am persuaded that he understanding my mind will favourably and graciously yield to your desires.

|| Or,
following.

28 Thus the murderer and blasphemer having suffered most grievously, as he entreated other men, so died he a miserable death in a strange country in the mountains.

29 And Philip, that was brought up with him, carried away his body, who also fearing the son of Antiochus went into Egypt to Ptolemeus Philometor.

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CHAP. X.

1 *Judas recovereth the city, and purifieth the temple.* 14 *Gorgias vexeth the Jews.* 16 *Judas winneth their holds.* 29 *Timotheus and his men are discomfited.* 35 *Gazara is taken, and Timotheus slain.*

NOW Maccabeus and his company, the Lord guiding them, recovered the temple and the city:

2 But the altars which the heathen had built in the open street, and also the chapels, they pulled down.

3 And having cleansed the temple
a 1 Mac. 4. 47. they made another altar, and striking stones they took fire out of them, and offered a sacrifice after two years, and set forth incense, and lights, and shewbread.

4 When that was done, they fell flat down, and besought the Lord that they might come no more into such troubles; but if they sinned any more against him, that he himself would chasten them with mercy, and that they might not be delivered unto the blasphemous and barbarous nations.

5 Now b upon the same day that the
b 1 Mac. 4. 52, 54. strangers profaned the temple, on the very same day it was cleansed again, even the five and twentieth day of the same month, which is Casleu.

6 c And they kept eight days with
c 1 Mac. 4. 56. gladness, as in the feast of the tabernacles, remembering that not long afore they had held the feast of the tabernacles, when as they wandered in the mountains and dens like beasts.

7 Therefore they bare branches, and fair boughs, and palms also, and sang psalms unto him that had given them good success in cleansing his place.

8 d They ordained also by a common
d 1 Mac. 4. 59. statute and decree, That every year those days should be kept of the whole nation of the Jews.

9 And this was the end of Antiochus, called Epiphanes.

10 Now will we declare the acts of Antiochus Eupator, who was the son of this wicked man, gathering briefly the calamities of the wars.

11 So when he was come to the crown, he set one Lysias over the affairs of his realm, and appointed him chief governor of Celosyria and Phoenice.

12 For Ptolemeus, that was called

Macron, choosing rather to do justice unto the Jews for the wrong that had been done unto them, endeavoured to continue peace with them.

13 Whereupon being accused of the king's friends before Eupator, and called traitor at every word, because he had left Cyprus, that Philometor had committed unto him, and departed to Antiochus Epiphanes, || and seeing that he was in no honourable place, he was so discouraged, that he poisoned himself and died.

|| Or, and not bearing his authority as becometh a nobleman.

14 But when Gorgias was governor of the || holds, he hired soldiers, and nourished war continually with the Jews:

|| Or, strong places.

15 And therewithal the Idumeans, having gotten into their hands the most commodious holds, kept the Jews occupied, and receiving those that were banished from Jerusalem, they went about to nourish war.

16 Then they that were with Maccabeus made supplication, and besought God that he would be their helper; and so they ran with violence upon the strong holds of the Idumeans,

17 And assaulting them strongly, they won the holds, and kept off all that fought upon the wall, and slew all that fell into their hands, and killed no fewer than twenty thousand.

18 And because certain, who were no less than nine thousand, were fled together into two very strong castles, having all manner of things convenient to sustain the siege,

19 Maccabeus left Simon and Joseph, and Zaccheus also, and them that were with him, who were enough to besiege them, and departed himself unto those places which more needed his help.

20 Now || they that were with Simon, being led with covetousness, were persuaded for money through certain of those that were in the castle, and took seventy thousand drachms, and let some of them escape.

|| Or, Simon.

21 But when it was told Maccabeus what was done, he called the governors of the people together, and accused those men, that they had sold their brethren for money, and set their enemies free to fight against them.

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22 So he slew those that were found traitors, and immediately took the two castles.

23 And having good success with his weapons in all things he took in hand, he slew in the two holds more than twenty thousand.

e 1 Mac. 5.
6, 7.

24 Now Timotheus, whom the Jews had overcome before, when he had gathered a great multitude of foreign forces, and horses out of Asia not a few, came as though he would take Jewry by force of arms.

|| Or, Maccabeus, and they that were with him.

25 But when he drew near, || they that were with Maccabeus turned themselves to pray unto God, and sprinkled earth upon their heads, and girded their loins with sackcloth,

f Ex. 23. 22.
Deut. 28. 7.

26 And fell down at the foot of the altar, and besought him to be merciful to them, and to be an enemy to their enemies, and an adversary to their adversaries, as the law declareth.

27 So after the prayer they took their weapons, and went on further from the city: and when they drew near to their enemies, they kept by themselves.

28 Now the sun being newly risen, they joined both together; the one part having together with their virtue their refuge also unto the Lord for a || pledge of their success and victory: the other side making their rage leader of their battle.

|| Or, warrant, or, surety.

g See ch. 2.
21.

29 But when the battle waxed strong, there appeared unto the enemies from heaven five comely men upon horses, with bridles of gold, and two of them led the Jews,

30 And took Maccabeus betwixt them, and covered him on every side with their weapons, and kept him safe, but shot arrows and lightnings against the enemies: so that being confounded with blindness, and full of trouble, they were killed.

31 And there were slain of footmen twenty thousand and five hundred, and six hundred horsemen.

32 As for Timotheus himself, he fled into a very strong hold, called Gazara, where Chereas was governor.

33 But they that were with Maccabeus laid siege against the fortress courageously four days.

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34 And they that were within, trusting to the strength of the place, blasphemed exceedingly, and uttered wicked words.

35 Nevertheless upon the fifth day early twenty young men of Maccabeus' company, inflamed with anger because of the blasphemies, assaulted the wall manly, and with a fierce courage killed all that they met withal.

36 Others likewise ascending after them, whiles they were busied with them that were within, burnt the towers, and kindling fires burnt the blasphemers alive; and others broke open the gates, and, having received in the rest of the army, took the city,

37 And killed Timotheus, that was hid in a certain pit, and Chereas his brother, with Apollophanes.

38 When this was done, they praised the Lord with psalms and thanksgiving, who had done so great things for Israel, and given them the victory.

CHAP. XI.

3 Lysias, thinking to get Jerusalem, is put to flight. 16 The letters of Lysias to the Jews: 22 of the king unto Lysias, 27 and to the Jews: 34 of the Romans to the Jews.

NOT long after this, Lysias the king's + protector and cousin, who also managed the affairs, took sore displeasure for the things that were done.

+ Gr. tutor.

2 And when he had gathered about fourscore thousand with all the horsemen, he came against the Jews, thinking to make the city an habitation of the || Gentiles,

* 1 Mac. 4.
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3 And to make a gain of the temple, as of the other chapels of the heathen, and to set the high priesthood to sale every year:

|| Or, Grecians.

4 Not at all considering the power of God, but puffed up with his ten thousands of footmen, and his thousands of horsemen, and his fourscore elephants.

5 So he came to Judea, and drew near to Bethsura, which was a strong town, but distant from Jerusalem about five furlongs, and he laid sore siege unto it.

6 Now when || they that were with Maccabeus heard that he besieged the holds, they and all the people with lamentation and tears besought the Lord that he would send a good angel to deliver Israel.

|| Maccabeus and his company.

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7 Then Maccabeus himself first of all took weapons, exhorting the other that they would jeopard themselves together with him to help their brethren: so they went forth together with a willing mind.

b ch. 2. 21.
& 10. 29.

8 And as they were at Jerusalem, ^b there appeared before them on horseback one in white clothing, shaking his armour of gold.

9 Then they praised the merciful God all together, and took heart, insomuch that they were ready not only to fight with men, but with most cruel beasts, and to pierce through walls of iron.

10 Thus they marched forward in their armour, having an helper from heaven: for the Lord was merciful unto them.

11 And giving a charge upon their enemies like lions, they slew eleven thousand *footmen*, and sixteen hundred horsemen, and put all the other to flight.

12 Many of them also being wounded escaped naked; and Lysias himself fled away shamefully, and so escaped.

13 Who, as he was a man of understanding, casting with himself what loss he had had, and considering that the Hebrews could not be overcome, because the Almighty God helped them, he sent unto them,

c 1 Mac. 6.
58, 59, 60.

14 And persuaded them to agree to all reasonable *conditions*, and *promised* ^c that he would persuade the king that he must needs be a friend unto them.

15 Then Maccabeus consented to all that Lysias desired, being careful of the common good; and whatsoever Maccabeus wrote unto Lysias concerning the Jews, the king granted it.

16 For there were letters written unto the Jews from Lysias to this effect: Lysias unto the people of the Jews *sendeth* greeting:

17 John and Absalon, who were sent from you, delivered me the petition subscribed, and made request for the performance of the contents thereof.

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18 Therefore what things soever were meet to be reported to the king, I have declared them, and he hath granted as much as might be.

19 If then ye will keep yourselves

loyal to the state, hereafter also will I endeavour to be a means of your good.

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20 But of the particulars I have given order both to these, and the other that came from me, to commune with you.

21 Fare ye well. The hundred and eight and fortieth year, the four and twentieth day of *the month* || Dioscorinthius.

|| Or,
Dioscorus.

22 Now the king's letter contained these words: King Antiochus unto his brother Lysias *sendeth* greeting:

23 Since our father is translated unto the gods, our will is, that they that are in our realm live quietly, that every one may attend upon his own affairs.

24 We understand also that the Jews would not consent to our father, for to be brought unto the custom of the Gentiles, but had rather keep their own manner of living: for the which cause they require of us, that we should suffer them to live after their own laws.

25 Wherefore our mind is, that this nation shall be in rest, and we have determined to restore them their temple, that they may live according to the customs of their forefathers.

26 Thou shalt do well therefore to send unto them, and || grant them peace, that when they are certified of our mind, they may be of good comfort, and ever go cheerfully about their own affairs.

|| Or,
give them
assurance.

27 And the letter of the king unto the nation of the Jews was after this manner: King Antiochus *sendeth* greeting unto the council, and the rest of the Jews:

28 If ye fare well, we have our desire; we are also in good health.

29 Menelaus declared unto us, that your desire was to return home, and to follow your own business:

30 Wherefore they that will depart shall have safe conduct till the thirtieth day of Xanthicus with security.

31 And the Jews shall use their own kind of meats and laws, as before; and none of them any manner of ways shall be molested for things ignorantly done.

32 I have sent also Menelaus, that he may comfort you.

33 Fare ye well. In the hundred forty and eighth year, *and* the fifteenth day of *the month* || Xanthicus.

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consuls.

34 The Romans also sent unto them a letter containing these words: Quintus Memmius and Titus Manlius, || ambassadors of the Romans, *send* greeting unto the people of the Jews.

35 Whatsoever Lysias the king's cousin hath granted, therewith we also are well pleased.

36 But touching such things as he judged to be referred to the king, after ye have advised thereof, send one forthwith, that we may declare as it is convenient for you: for we are now going to Antioch.

37 Therefore send some with speed, that we may know what is your mind.

38 Farewell. This hundred and eight and fortieth year, the fifteenth day of the month Xanthicus.

CHAP. XII.

¹ The king's lieutenants vex the Jews. ³ They of Joppe drown two hundred Jews. ⁶ Judas is avenged upon them. ¹¹ He maketh peace with the Arabians, ¹⁶ and taketh Caspis. ²² Timotheus' armies overthrown.

WHEN these covenants were made, Lysias went unto the king, and the Jews were about their husbandry.

2 But of the governors of several places, * Timotheus, and Apollonius the son of Genneus, also Hieronymus, and Demophon, and beside them Nicanor the governor of Cyprus, would not suffer them to be quiet, and live in peace.

3 The men of Joppe also did such an ungodly deed: they prayed the Jews that dwelt among them to go with their wives and children into the boats which they had prepared, as though they had meant them no hurt.

4 Who accepted of it according to the common decree of the city, as being desirous to live in peace, and suspecting nothing: but when they were gone forth into the deep, they drowned no less than two hundred of them.

5 When Judas heard of this cruelty done unto his countrymen, he commanded those that were with him to *make them ready*.

6 And calling upon God the righteous Judge, he came against those murderers of his brethren, and burnt the haven by night, and set the boats on fire, and those that fled thither he slew.

7 And when the town was shut up,

he went backward, || as if he would return to root out all them of the city of Joppe.

8 But when he heard that the Jamnites were minded to do in like manner unto the Jews that dwelt among them,

9 He came upon the Jamnites also by night, and set fire on the haven and the navy, so that the light of the fire was seen at Jerusalem two hundred and forty furlongs off.

10 Now when they were gone from thence nine furlongs in their journey toward Timotheus, no fewer than five thousand *men on foot* and five hundred horsemen of the Arabians set upon him.

11 Whereupon there was a very sore battle; but Judas' side by the help of God got the victory; so that the Nomades of Arabia, being overcome, besought Judas for peace, promising both to give him cattle, and to pleasure him otherwise.

12 Then Judas, thinking indeed that they would be profitable in many things, granted them peace: whereupon they shook hands, and so they || departed to their tents.

13 He went also about to make a bridge to a certain strong city, which was fenced about with walls, and inhabited by people of divers countries; and the name of it was Caspis.

14 But they that were within it put such trust in the strength of the walls and provision of victuals, that they behaved themselves rudely toward them that were with Judas, railing and blaspheming, and uttering such words as were not to be spoken.

15 Wherefore Judas with his company, calling upon the great Lord of the world, ^b who without any rams or engines of war did cast down Jericho in the time of Joshua, gave a fierce assault against the walls,

16 And took the city by the will of God, and made unspeakable slaughters, insomuch that a lake two furlongs broad near adjoining thereunto, being filled full, was seen running with blood.

17 Then departed they from thence seven hundred and fifty furlongs, and came to Characa unto the Jews that are called Tubieni.

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|| Or, with
a purpose
to return.

|| Or, went
from place
to place with
their families
and
cattle.

^b Josh. 6. 20.

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18 But as for Timotheus, they found him not in the places: for before he had dispatched any thing, he departed from thence, having left a very strong garrison in a certain hold.

19 Howbeit Dositheus and Sosipater, who were of Maccabeus' captains, went forth, and slew those that Timotheus had left in the fortress, above ten thousand men.

|| Dositheus
and Sospater.

20 And Maccabeus ranged his army by bands, and set || ther, over the bands, and went against Timotheus, who had about him an hundred and twenty thousand men of foot, and two thousand and five hundred horsemen.

c1 Mac. 5. 43,
Carnaim.

21 Now when Timotheus had knowledge of Judas' coming, he sent the women and children and the other baggage unto a fortress called Carnion: for the town was hard to besiege, and uneasy to come unto, by reason of the straitness of all the places.

22 But when Judas his first band came in sight, the enemies, being smitten with fear and terror through the appearing of him that seeth all things, fled amain, one running this way, another that way, so as that they were often hurt of their own men, and wounded with the points of their own swords.

23 Judas also was very earnest in pursuing them, killing those wicked wretches, of whom he slew about thirty thousand men.

24 Moreover Timotheus himself fell into the hands of Dositheus and Sosipater, whom he besought with much craft to let him go with his life, because he had many of the Jews' parents, and the brethren of some of them, who, if they put him to death, should not be regarded.

25 So when he had assured them with many words that he would restore them without hurt, according to the agreement, they let him go for the saving of their brethren.

|| That is,
Venus.

26 Then Maccabeus marched forth to Carnion, and to the temple of || Atargatis, and there he slew five and twenty thousand persons.

27 And after he had put to flight and destroyed them, Judas removed the host toward Ephron, a strong city,

wherein Lysias abode, and a great multitude of divers nations, and the strong young men kept the walls, and defended them mightily: wherein also was great provision of engines and darts.

28 But when Judas and his company had called upon Almighty God, who with his power breaketh the strength of his enemies, they won the city, and slew twenty and five thousand of them that were within.

29 From thence they departed to Scythopolis, which lieth six hundred furlongs from Jerusalem.

30 But when the Jews that dwelt there had testified that the Scythopolitans dealt lovingly with them, and entreated them kindly in the time of their adversity;

31 They gave them thanks, desiring them to be friendly still unto them: and so they came to Jerusalem, the feast of the weeks approaching.

32 And after the feast, called Pentecost, they went forth against Gorgias the governor of || Idumea,

|| Or,
Jamnia,
1 Mac. 5. 58.

33 Who came out with three thousand men of foot and four hundred horsemen.

34 And it happened that in their fighting together a few of the Jews were slain.

35 At which time Dositheus, one of Bacenor's company, who was on horseback, and a strong man, was still upon Gorgias, and taking hold of his coat drew him by force; and when he would have taken that cursed man alive, a horseman of Thracia coming upon him || smote off his shoulder, so that Gorgias fled unto Marisa.

|| Or, put by
his arm: or,
wounded
him in the
shoulder:
or, struck
him in the
shoulder.
|| Or,
Esdra.

36 Now when they that were with || Gorgias had fought long, and were weary, Judas called upon the Lord, that he would shew himself to be their helper and leader of the battle.

37 And with that he began in his own language, and sung psalms with a loud voice, and rushing unawares upon Gorgias' men, he put them to flight.

38 So Judas gathered his host, and came into the city of Odollam. And when the seventh day came, they purified themselves, as the custom was, and kept the sabbath in the same place.

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time, &c.

39 And upon the day following, || as the use had been, Judas and his company came to take up the bodies of them that were slain, and to bury them with their kinsmen in their fathers' graves.

40 Now under the coats of every one that was slain they found things consecrated to the idols of the Jamnites, which is forbidden the Jews by ^d the law. Then every man saw that this was the cause wherefore they were slain.

41 All men therefore praising the Lord, the righteous Judge, who had opened the things that were hid,

42 Betook themselves unto prayer, and besought him that the sin committed might wholly be put out of remembrance. Besides, that noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves from sin, forso much as they saw before their eyes the things that came to pass for the sins of those that were slain.

43 And when he had made a gathering throughout the company to the sum of two thousand drachms of silver, he sent it to Jerusalem to offer a sin offering, doing therein very well and honestly, in that he was mindful of the resurrection:

44 For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should have risen again, it had been superfluous and vain to pray for the dead.

45 And also in that he perceived that there was great favour laid up for those that died godly, it was an holy and good thought. Whereupon he made a reconciliation for the dead, that they might be delivered from sin.

CHAP. XIII.

¹ Eupator invadeth Judea. ¹⁵ Judas by night slayeth many. ¹⁸ Eupator's purpose is defeated. ²³ He maketh peace with Judas.

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IN the hundred forty and ninth year it was told Judas, that Antiochus Eupator was coming with a great power into Judea,

* ch. 11. 1.

2 And with him * Lysias his protector, and ruler of his affairs, having either of them a Grecian power of footmen, an hundred and ten thousand, and horsemen five thousand and three hundred, and elephants two and twenty, and three hundred chariots armed with hooks.

3 Menelaus also joined himself with them, and with great dissimulation encouraged Antiochus, not for the safeguard of the country, but because he thought to have been made governor.

4 But the King of kings moved Antiochus' mind against this wicked wretch, and Lysias informed the king that this man was the cause of all mischief, so that the king commanded to bring him unto Berea, and to put him to death, as the manner is in that place.

5 Now there was in that place a tower of fifty cubits high, full of ashes, and it had a round instrument, which on every side hanged down into the ashes.

6 And whosoever was condemned of sacrilege, or had committed any other grievous crime, there did all men thrust him unto death.

7 Such a death it happened that wicked man to die, not having so much as burial in the earth; and that most justly:

8 For inasmuch as he had committed many sins about the altar, whose fire and ashes were holy, he received his death in ashes.

9 Now the king came with a barbarous and haughty mind to do far worse to the Jews, than had been done in his father's time.

10 Which things when Judas perceived, he commanded the multitude to call upon the Lord night and day, that if ever at any other time, he would now also help them, being at the point to be put from their law, from their country, and from the holy temple:

11 And that he would not suffer the people, that || had even now been but a little refreshed, to be in subjection to the blasphemous nations.

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had a little
respite.

12 So when they had all done this together, and besought the merciful Lord with weeping and fasting, and lying flat upon the ground three days long, Judas, having exhorted them, commanded they should be in a readiness.

13 And Judas, being apart with the elders, determined, before the king's host should enter into Judea, and get the city, to go forth and try the matter in fight by the help of the Lord.

14 So when he had committed all to

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|| Or, Lord.

the || Creator of the world, and exhorted his soldiers to fight manfully, even unto death, for the laws, the temple, the city, the country, and the commonwealth, he camped by Modin :

15 And having given the watchword to them that were about him, Victory is of God ; with the most valiant and choice young men he went in into the king's tent by night, and slew in the camp about four thousand men, and the chiefest of the elephants, with all that were upon him.

16 And at last they filled the camp with fear and tumult, and departed with good success.

17 This was done in the break of the day, because the protection of the Lord did help him.

18 Now when the king had taken a taste of the manliness of the Jews, he went about to take the holds by policy,

19 And marched toward Bethsura, which was a strong hold of the Jews : but he was put to flight, failed, and lost of his men :

20 For Judas had conveyed unto them that were in it such things as were necessary.

21 But Rhodocus, who was in the Jews' host, disclosed the secrets to the enemies ; therefore he was sought out, and when they had gotten him, they put him in prison.

22 The king treated with them in Bethsura the second time, gave his hand, took their's, departed, fought with Judas, was overcome ;

23 Heard that Philip, who was left over the affairs in Antioch, || was desperately bent, confounded, intreated the Jews, submitted himself, and sware to all equal conditions, agreed with them, and offered sacrifice, honoured the temple, and dealt kindly with the place,

24 And accepted well of Maccabeus, made him principal governor from Ptolemais unto the Gerrhenians ;

25 Came to Ptolemais : the people there were grieved for the covenants ; for they stormed, because they would make their covenants void :

26 Lysias went up to the judgment seat, said as much as could be in defence of the cause, persuaded, pacified,

made them well affected, returned to Antioch. Thus it went touching the king's coming and departing.

CHAP. XIV.

6 *Alcimus accuseth Judas.* 18 *Nicanor maketh peace with Judas.* 39 *He seeketh to take Razis,* 46 *who, to escape his hands, killeth himself.*

AFTER three years was Judas informed, that Demetrius the son of Seleucus, * having entered by the haven of Tripolis with a great power and navy,

2 Had taken the country, and killed Antiochus, and Lysias his protector.

3 Now ^b one Alcimus, who had been high priest, and had defiled himself wilfully in the times of their mingling *with the Gentiles*, seeing that by no means he could save himself, nor have any more access to the holy altar,

4 Came to king Demetrius in the hundred and one and fiftieth year, presenting unto him a crown of gold, and a palm, and also of the boughs which were || used solemnly in the temple : and so that day he held his peace.

5 Howbeit, having gotten opportunity to further his foolish enterprize, and being called into counsel by Demetrius, and asked how the Jews stood affected, and what they intended, he answered thereunto :

6 Those of the Jews that be called Assideans, whose captain is Judas Maccabeus, nourish war, and are seditious, and will not let the realm be in peace.

7 Therefore I, being deprived of mine ancestors' honour, I mean the high priesthood, am now come hither :

8 First, verily for the unfeigned care I have of things pertaining to the king ; and secondly, even for that I intend the good of mine own countrymen : for all our nation is in no small misery through the unadvised dealing of them aforesaid.

9 Wherefore, O king, seeing thou knowest all these things, be careful for the country, and our nation, which is pressed on every side, according to the clemency that thou readily shewest unto all.

10 For as long as Judas liveth, it is not possible that the state should be quiet.

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* 1 Mac. 7. 1.

^b 1 Mac. 7. 5.

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|| Or, rebelled.

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11 This was no sooner spoken of him, but others of the king's friends, being maliciously set against Judas, did more incense Demetrius.

12 And forthwith calling Nicanor, who had been master of the elephants, and making him governor over Judea, he sent him forth,

1 Mac. 7.
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13 Commanding him to slay Judas, and to scatter them that were with him, and to make Alcimus high priest of the great temple.

14 Then the heathen, that had fled out of Judea from Judas, came to Nicanor by flocks, thinking the harm and calamities of the Jews to be their welfare.

15 Now when the Jews heard of Nicanor's coming, and that the heathen were up against them, they cast earth upon their heads, and made supplication to him that had established his people for ever, and who always helpeth his portion with manifestation of his presence.

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joined to
them.

16 So at the commandment of the captain they removed straightways from thence, and came near unto them at the town of Dessau.

17 Now Simon, Judas' brother, had joined battle with Nicanor, but was somewhat discomfited through the sudden silence of his enemies.

18 Nevertheless Nicanor, hearing of the manliness of them that were with Judas, and the courageousness that they had to fight for their country, durst not try the matter by the sword.

19 Wherefore he sent Posidonius, and Theodotus, and Mattathias, to make peace.

20 So when they had taken long advisement thereupon, and the captain had made the multitude acquainted therewith, and it appeared that they were all of one mind, they consented to the covenants,

21 And appointed a day to meet in together by themselves: and when the day came, and stools were set for either of them,

22 Judas placed armed men ready in convenient places, lest some treachery should be suddenly practised by the enemies: so they made a peaceable conference.

23 Now Nicanor abode in Jerusalem, and did no hurt, but sent away the people that came flocking unto him.

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24 And he would not willingly have Judas out of his sight: for he loved the man from his heart.

25 He prayed him also to take a wife, and to beget children: so he married, was quiet, and took part of this life.

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together
with him.

26 But Alcimus, perceiving the love that was betwixt them, and considering the covenants that were made, came to Demetrius, and told him that Nicanor was not well affected toward the state; for that he had ordained Judas, a traitor to his realm, to be the king's successor.

27 Then the king being in a rage, and provoked with the accusations of the most wicked man, wrote to Nicanor, signifying that he was much displeased with the covenants, and commanding him that he should send Maccabeus prisoner in all haste unto Antioch.

28 When this came to Nicanor's hearing, he was much confounded in himself, and took it grievously that he should make void the articles which were agreed upon, the man being in no fault.

29 But because there was no dealing against the king, he watched his time to accomplish this thing by policy.

30 Notwithstanding, when Maccabeus saw that Nicanor began to be churlish unto him, and that he entreated him more roughly than he was wont, perceiving that such sour behaviour came not of good, he gathered together not a few of his men, and withdrew himself from Nicanor.

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31 But the other, knowing that he was notably prevented by Judas' policy, came into the great and holy temple, and commanded the priests, that were offering their usual sacrifices, to deliver him the man.

1 Mac. 7.
33, &c.

32 And when they swore that they could not tell where the man was whom he sought,

33 He stretched out his right hand toward the temple, and made an oath in this manner: If ye will not deliver me Judas as a prisoner, I will lay this temple of God even with the ground, and I will break down the

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minds, he gave them their charge, shewing them therewithal the falsehood of the heathen, and the breach of oaths.

11 Thus he armed every one of them, not so much with defence of shields and spears, as with comfortable and good words: and beside that, he told them a dream worthy to be believed, as if it had been so indeed, which did not a little rejoice them.

12 And this was his vision: That Onias, who had been high priest, a virtuous and a good man, reverend in conversation, gentle in condition, well spoken also, and exercised from a child in all points of virtue, holding up his hands prayed for the whole body of the Jews.

13 This done, in like manner there appeared a man with gray hairs, and exceeding glorious, who was of a wonderful and excellent majesty.

14 Then Onias answered, saying, This is a lover of the brethren, who prayeth much for the people, and for the holy city, to wit, Jeremias the prophet of God.

15 Whereupon Jeremias holding forth his right hand gave to Judas a sword of gold, and in giving it spake thus,

16 Take this holy sword, a gift from God, with the which thou shalt wound the adversaries.

17 Thus being well comforted by the words of Judas, which were very good, and able to stir them up to valour, and to encourage the hearts of the young men, they determined not to pitch camp, but courageously to set upon them, and manfully to try the matter by conflict, because the city and the sanctuary and the temple were in danger.

18 For the care that they took for their wives, and their children, their brethren, and kinsfolks, was in least account with them: but the greatest and principal fear was for the holy temple.

19 Also they that were in the city took not the least care, being troubled for the conflict abroad.

20 And now, when as all looked what should be the trial, and the enemies were already come near, and the army was set in array, and the beasts con-

veniently placed, and the horsemen set in wings,

21 Maccabeus seeing the coming of the multitude, and the divers preparations of armour, and the fierceness of the beasts, stretched out his hands toward heaven, and called upon the Lord that worketh wonders, knowing that victory cometh not by arms, but even as it seemeth good to him, he giveth it to such as are worthy:

22 Therefore in his prayer he said after this manner; O Lord, thou didst send thine angel in the time of Ezekias king of Judea, and didst slay in the host of Sennacherib an hundred four-score and five thousand: 1 Mac. 7. 40, 41. 2 Ch. 8. 19.

23 Wherefore now also, O Lord of heaven, send a good angel before us for a fear and dread unto them;

24 And through the might of thine arm let those be stricken with terror, that come against thy holy people to blaspheme. And he ended thus.

25 Then Nicanor and they that were with him came forward with trumpets and songs.

26 But Judas and his company encountered the enemies with invocation and prayer.

27 So that fighting with their hands, and praying unto God with their hearts, they slew no less than thirty and five thousand men: for through the appearance of God they were greatly cheered.

28 Now when the battle was done, returning again with joy, they knew that Nicanor lay dead in his harness. 1 Mac. 7. 45.

29 Then they made a great shout and a noise, praising the Almighty in their own language.

30 And Judas, who was ever the chief defender of the citizens both in body and mind, and who continued his love toward his countrymen all his life, commanded to strike off Nicanor's head, and his hand with his shoulder, and bring them to Jerusalem. 1 Mac. 7. 47.

31 So when he was there, and had called them of his nation together, and set the priests before the altar, he sent for them that were of the tower,

32 And shewed them vile Nicanor's head, and the hand of that blasphemer,

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which with proud brags he had stretched out against the holy temple of the A city.

And when he had cut out the tongue of that ungodly Nicanor, he commanded that they should give it by pieces unto the fowls, and hang up the reward of his madness before the temple.

34 So every man praised toward the heaven the glorious Lord, saying, Blessed be he that hath kept his own place undefiled.

35 He hanged also Nicanor's head upon the tower, an evident and manifest sign unto all of the help of the Lord.

36 And they ordained all with a common decree in no case to let that

day pass without solemnity, but to celebrate the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which in the Syrian tongue is called Adar, the day before 'Mardocheus' day.

37 Thus went it with Nicanor: and from that time forth the Hebrews had the city in their power. And here will I make an end.

38 And if *I have done well*, and as is fitting the story, it is that which I desired: but if slenderly and meanly, it is that which I could attain unto.

39 For as it is hurtful to drink wine or water alone; and as wine mingled with water is pleasant, and delighteth the taste: even so speech finely framed delighteth the ears of them that read the story. And here shall be an end.

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